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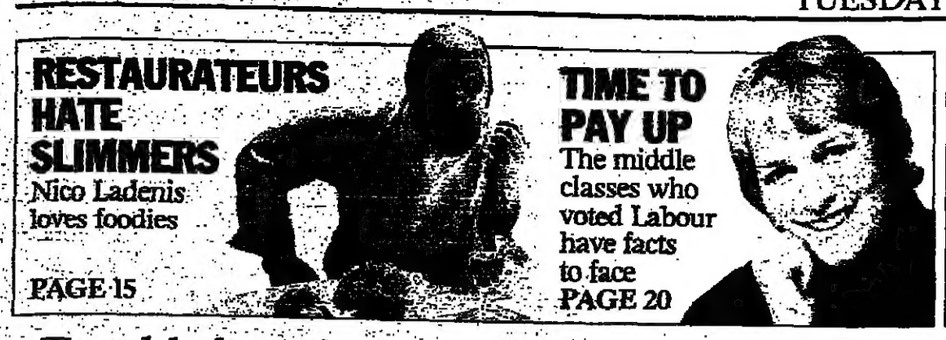

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FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE new Government yesterday launched a charm offensive towards the European Union, promising a fresh start to its partners in Brussels but also warning them that Britain would not cede control of its frontiers or the national veto in key areas.

Doug Henderson, the Minister for Europe, brought Tony Blair's goodwill message to a Brussels treaty negotiation. He also formally outlined Britain's intention to sign the social chapter and implement it within weeks.

The move was widely welcomed, but potential trouble loomed for Labour with the announcement that the European Commission is planning new employment legislation as part of the social chapter. The Commission also objected to Labour's plan to cut VAT on heating fuel to 5 per cent.

European officials sat in silence verging on disbelief as they heard a British minister utter the kind of language that the Union has not heard from London since John Major proclaimed Britain's place in the "heart of Europe" in 1990. It was time to "draw a line under the recent past", Mr Henderson said.

"We want to work with you as colleagues in a shared enterprise. Not using the language of opponents. Europe, for the new British Government is an opportunity, not a threat."

Reflecting the delight over the departure of the Conservative team, a senior German official said the change in British tone was "a breath of oxygen in a stale room, almost too good to be true".

However, echoing the campaign promises made by Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Henderson emphasised the importance of completing the single market, reforming the common agricultural policy, preparing the Union's eastward expansion and tackling unemployment, notably through promoting flexible labour markets.

"The good news is soon we'll have to do this for only 48 hours a week"

This market-based emphasis was shared by the Conservative Government and is regarded as insufficiently "social" by many European parties: "The British are still the British," said a Dutch official. "We're under no illusion that they have become continentals. But the goodwill should bear fruit."

The Government's support for the social chapter is the biggest break with recent British policy. The chapter, from which Britain opted out at Maastricht in 1991, contains only two anodyne pieces of legislation on worker consultation for multinational firms and parental leave. The Commission gave an inkling of controversy in store, however, when it outlined new laws under preparation. Such laws are mainly passed by majority voting.

The first new legislation will shift the burden of proof in sex discrimination. As a result, employers will share with the employee the requirement to prove that discrimination did or did not take place. Some British firms fear this may mean that employers must prove that they are not guilty of discrimination rather than leaving it to the worker to provide evidence that they were unfairly treated.

Legislation is also being drafted to offer part-time workers protection comparable to that of full-time employees. Some British employers claim this will hamper their efforts to compete in the global market. The Commission is also talking to the employers' federations and unions about new measures to tackle sexual harassment in the workplace.

Padraig Flynn, the European Commissioner for Social Affairs, is pressing for works councils to be extended beyond big international companies to cover all firms employing more than a handful of workers.

The Commission said Labour's pledge to cut VAT on fuel seemed to be counter to the whole spirit of the EU's drive to harmonise VAT. Britain had been given dispensation to keep rates lower on a temporary basis, but it was expected to bring the rate up at least to the minimum of 15 per cent. The spokeswoman for Mario Monti, the taxation commissioner, said that the

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MARTIN BEDDALL

Nicholas and Kathryn taking possessions out to a removal van yesterday

Blair necessities of family life go to Downing Street

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

AS THE Prime Minister put the finishing touches to his Government yesterday his wife and children moved into Downing Street.

Footballs, mountain bikes and a giant teddy bear were loaded into a van at the family home in Islington along with at least three-dozen pairs of Cherie's shoes and her husband's electric guitar and amplifier. The Prime Minister's London residence seems destined to be a rather noisier place than it has been for many years.

Mr Blair set off for Downing Street at 9am yesterday in the prime ministerial Daimler, leaving his family to it. A van arrived with a team of friends to help Mrs Blair but clearly the real foreman was nine-year-old Kathryn Blair.

A natural at smiling unprompted for the cameras, she skipped up and down outside the three-storey north London house supervising the loading. In went a kingsize wooden and steel bed with a brass head, armfuls of suits, dresses and shirts on hangers, stacks of blue crates and holdalls.

Kathryn and her brother Nicholas, staggered out carrying a crate between them. "Smile Nick," said one of the family friends. Later yesterday Downing Street issued a statement to media editors saying that the Blairs were happy for their children to be photographed at public occasions and moving into their new home, but were anxious that they should otherwise be allowed privacy.

The sight of canvas shoe holders stacked with a prodigious number of women's shoes invited media onlookers to make the obvious comparisons with Imelda Marcos. A clothes rail was set up inside the removal van to ensure that the suits and dresses remained wrinkle-free. The football gear, together with the guitar, teddy, bikes and two computers, had to wait for a second trip. In another possible Downing Street first a Manchester United duvet looked to be destined for one of the junior bedrooms.

New ties: Tony Blair's neckwear is transferred

With the first load ready Mrs Blair, in blue tracksuit bottoms and anorak, jumped into a Montego with the children and helpers and followed the van to Downing Street where, after a swap with the Chancellor, Gordon Brown, they will live in No 11 while he occupies the attic flat at neighbouring No 10.

At Downing Street an even bigger media audience had gathered to watch the same possessions unpacked. But the van disappeared round the side of No 10 and attention had to turn to Humphrey, the Downing Street cat, who has seen a couple of prime ministers come and go and, when not snoozing, made a point of ignoring the whole kerfuffle by busily washing.

Mr Blair is expected to spend some of his 44th birthday today with his family as they settle into their new

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Redwood enters leadership race 'not having to defend mistakes'

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN REDWOOD this morning announces his challenge for the Conservative leadership with a declaration that he is the only contender able to take on Tony Blair without having to defend the mistakes of the defeated Tory Government.

The former Cabinet minister, beaten by John Major in the 1995 leadership contest, enters the battle claiming that he can unite the Conservative Party and give it hope for the future. Writing in *The Times*, he makes his decision to resign from the Government in 1995 one of the strengths of his appeal this time.

The clear implication is that he is the only candidate untainted by recent failures. "I am the only Conservative likely to run in this leadership election who could face Tony Blair across the dispatch box and put down endless difficult questions about the 1992-97 Government," he writes. "I do not have to defend past mistakes as I resigned from that Government. I would be able to point the Conservative Party firmly towards the future and concentrate on opposing."

At a Westminster press conference today, Michael Howard, the former Home Secretary, will throw his hat into the ring. Kenneth Clarke, the former Chancellor, and Peter Lilley, the former Social Security Secretary, have already done so.

Stephen Dorrell, the former Health Secretary, and William Hague, the former Welsh Secretary, are consulting friends before announcing that they, too, will run.

With the leadership contest up and running, John Major, the outgoing leader, is expected shortly to reappoint the Cabinet survivors of last Thursday's rout to a temporary Shadow Cabinet that will see the Tory Opposition through the first weeks of the new Parliament.

It has also emerged that John MacGregor, the former Cabinet minister, is being urged to stand for the chairmanship of the backbench 1922 Committee as a unifying force to help the party through its post-election trauma.

Mr Clarke's supporters were claiming yesterday that he is picking up support from MPs who would have backed Michael Heseltine, who stood down at the weekend after suffering an angina attack. They say he is certain to put up a good showing in the first ballot.

Redwood: "untainted"

Organisers of the Lilley and Howard camps accept that Mr Clarke will do well in the early ballot, but expect a right-wing contender to win eventually.

The initial battle will be between the Lilley, Howard, Redwood and Hague campaigns for the votes of the centre-right. Mr Lilley appeared yesterday to be attracting many backers who would have been in the camp of Michael Portillo, who lost his parliamentary seat in Thursday's election.

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Banks bowled over by new job

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

TONY BANKS, one of the most humorous and boisterous voices in the Commons, has been brought onto the Government front bench as Minister of Sport. The job offer even took him by surprise.

Mr Banks, 54, is a left winger with a quick and often earthy wit that has served him as well in the stands at his beloved Chelsea FC as on the back benches at Westminster. Like the committed fan that he is he has never been reticent about taking a break from bawling out the opposition to have a dig at his own side.

The news of Mr Banks's appointment leaked out because he had a camera crew filming him cooking pasta for a food programme when the call from Downing Street came. "I was completely gobsmacked. I didn't expect anything, certainly not this," he said. "I was phoned up and asked if I would like to be Minister for Sport. Having thought about it, I said yes. I was completely surprised."

Banks: "gobsmacked"

Mr Banks, former chairman of the now-defunct Greater London Council, had not had a frontbench opposition job since 1993.

In a recent interview he said that John Smith had said he would be a minister but his hopes died with him. "I believe in saying what you feel and the penalty for that is your political prospects are fairly marginal," he said.

Mr Banks has called Kenneth Clarke a "pot-bellied old soak." Margaret Thatcher a "poor, half mad old cow" and accused Prince William of "blood lust" when he shot his first stag. Neither has Tony Blair escaped his caustic words. During a debate on the Ten Minute Rule Bill Mr Banks said the chances of getting the Bill through were on a par with his chances of getting into Heaven. "Or into the Shadow Cabinet," said a wag. "Indeed," replied Mr Banks.

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The snows of May banish the heatwave of spring

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT AND SHIRLEY ENGLISH

AFTER spending much of the weekend basking in the hottest weather of the year, millions could wake up today to an inch of snow. Temperatures which had hovered around 80F (27C) on Friday could plunge to 48F (9C) today, and the cold spell is expected to last until the end of the week. If snow falls in London it will be the third time in 50 years that the capital has seen a snowfall in May — the last being in 1955. "We have had very warm air blowing up from Spain and now we will have really cold air from the Arctic," said a spokesman at the London Weather Centre.

The cold front moved down through Scotland and northern England yesterday bringing heavy rain and atrocious driving conditions. Winds gusting up to 45mph carried snow and freezing showers across much of Scotland. Temperatures dropped to about 38F (3C) in Shetland, Sutherland and the Hebrides. Near Aviemore more than an inch of snow fell and chairlifts at the ski centre froze, although there was not enough snow for skiing. In the Lake District, police warned people to stay off the hills after a holiday weekend in which two died and 11 others needed hospital treatment.

In the south, forecasters warned of snowfalls on higher ground such as the Chilterns, the Cotswolds and the Downs.

"Winter has come back with a vengeance," said an AA spokesman.

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Social chapter is still waiting for its plot to be written

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

FOR the moment, Britain's imminent entry to the social chapter changes little on the legal front, but carries symbolic weight as testimony to the new Government's desire to end the separation embraced by the Conservatives.

The Social Policy Agreement, as it was called when it was attached to the Maastricht treaty, is intended to improve the lot of working people. It was created as a separate section because Britain refused its inclusion in the main treaty.

Its grandiose preamble commits the member states to "promoting employment, improved living and working conditions, proper social protection, dialogue between management and labour, the development of human resources, with a view to lasting high employment and the combating of exclusion".

So far, the agreement has been used to create two pieces of legislation. These are the works-council directive, which requires larger multinational companies to set up procedures for consulting workers, and the parental-leave directive, with three months of unpaid leave for new parents. The works council directive is already in force. Governments have until June 3 1998 to implement parental leave.

Waging his campaign against the treaty, John Major depicted it as a "Trojan horse" waiting to be filled with hostile forces. Continental states would use it to foist intrusive legislation on Britain, putting half a million out of work, he predicted. Adair Turner, head of the CBI, said yesterday: "The concern has always been not what is in it at the moment, but where it could lead if it is used in a mistaken fashion."

The EU Commission yesterday scoffed at suggestions that a raft of new measures was ready for launching once Labour was in power, but it sketched legislation already in the works. The first is a law to shift the burden of proof in sex discrimination, giving employer and employee equal responsibility.

Other possible measures are rules to protect part-time workers, an initiative to fight sexual harassment in the workplace and legislation to require non-multinational companies to inform and consult workers. The Commission has promised an initiative on notification of redundancies, following the furore over Renault's sudden decision to close its Belgian factory, putting 2,200 out of work.

Defenders of the protocol argue that it provides minimum standards and is designed to avoid legislation that hinders competition. The minimum wage and the recent law on a maximum 48-hour week have nothing to do with the social chapter.

Most decisions are taken by majority voting in the council of ministers, but certain areas — notably social security and redundancy protection — can be vetoed. The chapter provides that legislation is drafted through agreement between the employers and unions. Britain is expected to join when the protocol is brought inside the revised Maastricht Treaty next month.

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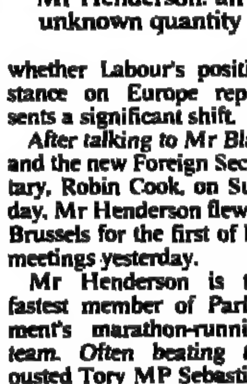
MAN IN THE NEWS

Henderson begins climb to summit


Mr Henderson: an unknown quantity

DOUG Henderson, Labour's new Minister for Europe, is the quickest MP on his feet in the House of Commons (James Landale writes). The enthusiastic marathon runner and mountaineer will need all his undoubted stamina as he begins the painstaking climb to the European summit in June.

The former Rolls Royce apprentice and British Rail clerk will attend at least four two-day sessions this month, a mini-summit with Mr Blair and other European leaders in Holland, before the crucial Amsterdam summit to update the Maastricht treaty.

The 47-year-old MP for Newcastle upon Tyne North is close to Tony Blair and is seen as a safe pair of hands. His biggest advantage is an absence of ideological baggage over Europe. Nobody nat Westminster can remember hearing him say anything on the subject. The mild-mannered Scot is an unknown quantity on the Continent and will be closely watched as European Union politicians assess whether Labour's positive stance on Europe represents a significant shift.

After talking to Mr Blair and the new Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, on Sunday, Mr Henderson flew to Brussels for the first of his meetings yesterday.

Mr Henderson is the fastest member of Parliament's marathon-running team. Often beating the ousted Tory MP Sebastian Coe on training runs around London, his best time over the distance is 2 hours 46 minutes.

THE ROAD TO DOWNING STREET

59 Mapledene Road

TONY and Cherie Blair yesterday completed a journey that has taken taken them from their first home together in the east end of London to the most famous street in Britain.

In less than twenty years and travelling less than ten miles, the couple have moved "up west" from an address in E9 in the poor London borough of Hackney to one bearing the prestigious SW1 post code in wealthy Westminster.

Like thousands of other members of the capital's professional classes, the couples' rising earning power has been reflected in their mobility through the housing market.

They began married life in a mid Victorian terrace house at 59 Mapledene Road in Hackney, one of the poorest boroughs in the country. It was over drinks in the small back garden that Blair discussed with friends his prospects of getting a parliamentary seat. In 1980, when they married, the small house would have been worth about £50,000 but "gentrification" has fuelled price rises in an area now described by estate agents as a conservation area. The house could now fetch £140,000 though as one agent said, there are drawbacks to the area. "It is not fantastic. There is a big council estate nearby and it is in Dalston", the agent said.

Six years later the Blairs moved less than two miles to an address in Highbury in N5. They bought 10

10 Stavordale Rd

1 Richmond Crescent

Stavordale Road, a late Victorian terrace home, which is within earshot of the roar of fans attending Arsenal football ground. The house, according to estate agents, is on the wrong side of Holloway Road and too far from the Highbury Fields to be considered a smart address. The house would then have been worth about £120,000 but recent price rises in north London have taken its value to an estimated £270,000.

In 1992, as Blair became shadow home secretary and Cherie a high earning barrister, the couple climbed still higher up the housing ladder by moving less than a mile into one of the most sought after areas of central Islington in N1. The couple who by then had three children moved to 1 Richmond Crescent, an early Victorian house, which cost £375,000.

"It is a beautiful house. In a beautiful area. Richmond Crescent is one of the better addresses in Islington", the estate agent said. The house would sell for £500,000. Among their neighbours in the Crescent is Margaret Hodge, wealthy Labour MP for Barking, and her husband, Henry, a solicitor.

Yesterday they went even further up market when Downing Street became their new address.

Richard Ford, home correspondent

Blair necessities on the move

Cherie Blair in Islington, and some of the shoes that prompted comparisons with Imelda Marcos

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quarters. During the move, as crowds thronged at the gates of Downing Street hoping for a glimpse of the new residents, an elderly figure in trainers and leaning heavily on a stick shuffled up to the gates and asked the policeman on duty to pass on a note to Tony Blair.

He did not ask to go in though he once harboured hopes of becoming a tenant himself. "I just wanted to drop off a note of congratulations to Tony," said Michael Foot, the former Labour Party leader, before hobbling off unrecognised by the hordes to catch the No 11 bus.

The plea for privacy for the Blair children came in a letter to media editors from Downing Street, which also thanked them for their coverage of the family during the election. "While obviously the Blairs' domestic arrangements will continue to attract attention, they are hopeful that the children can be left to live as normal a life as possible," it read.

"They are particularly concerned that they should not be troubled at school, or travelling to school. There will obviously be occasions when the family will be together at public events when the children will be photographed, but in the meantime I thank you for your sensible approach so far, and hope that you will appreciate the sentiments behind this letter."

It also explained that the Blairs had wanted their children to be part of the celebrations on Friday and accepted that, in the days that followed, they were likely to be photographed going to and from Islington.

☐ Washington: President Clinton is eager to meet Mr Blair in London this month as a symbolic show of support for Britain's new Government (Tom Rhodes writes).

The White House, which has made no official plans for the first public meeting of the two men since Mr Blair's landslide election victory, said privately last night that Mr Clinton was strongly considering "dropping by Downing Street" during his scheduled visit to The Hague for the European Union-United States summit.

A London visit, either before or after the May 28 meeting in The Netherlands, is likely to be swift and little more than a photo opportunity for both.

Labour makes up with EU

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Commission was prepared to discuss the position but it was not happy with the Government's pledge.

Treasury sources insisted last night that they and the Inland Revenue had taken legal advice on reducing VAT fuel from 8 to 5 per cent. Although Commission rules forbid VAT being cut to zero once it has been imposed on an item, Treasury officials insist that Britain has a legal right to bring it down to a minimum of 5 per cent.

Mr Cook insisted yesterday that there was nothing to fear from signing the chapter and he noted that the biggest British companies already applied its provisions on worker consultation. "We are going to signal that we want to opt in to the social chapter because we want the rights and the benefits to apply to the people of Britain," he said.

Stephen Dorrell, the former Health Secretary, said Labour had been in office "less than a week, but they are already adding costs to British business, undermining British competitiveness and undermining the authority of Parliament". John Redwood, the most Eurosceptic contender for the Conservative leadership, said Mr Cook had shown "extreme naivety" over the European negotiations.

In a session with the European media, Mr Henderson repeatedly promised a fresh start and called the EU the guardian of democracy that was "the basis of the future lives of all of our citizens". The 47-year-old minister pleaded for understanding for his mere 24 hours in the post and his Government's three days in office. He could offer no detail on issues such as fishing quotas because policy had yet to be worked out. However, he promised that he would "learn some of the tricks in bargaining in European forums" before next month's Amsterdam summit.

Beyond the revolution in rhetoric, however, the new Government's approach differs little from the Major Government's on many issues that must be resolved in a new Union treaty. Mr Henderson said Britain would be tough in its resistance to EU pressure to remove frontier controls and bring areas of justice and home affairs under central control. This was "probably the area where we have most problems", he said. He also ruled out any British support for a Franco-German plan for the Union to have its own defence force.

Talks on the Northern Ireland peace process will take place in Downing Street on Thursday between the Prime Minister and John Bruton, his Irish counterpart. Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, and Dick Spring, the Irish Foreign Minister, will also be present. Both sides are keen to signal their determination to make early progress.

Backbench committee expected to pick unity candidate

BY PHILIP WEBSTER

JOHN MacGREGOR has emerged as a strong candidate to take over the chairmanship of the Conservative backbench 1922 committee and help to unify the Tories in the wake of the disastrous election defeat.

Mr MacGregor, who held Cabinet posts under Margaret Thatcher and John Major, has been approached by MPs across the party spectrum to stand for election in a contest that will precede the leadership election.

The previous chairman, Sir Marcus Fox, unexpectedly lost his Shipley seat at the election. Other possible contenders are Sir Archie Hamilton, former Defence Minister and parliamentary aide to Margaret Thatcher, and John Townend, a right-wing supporter of John Redwood.

The election for the chairmanship and the 18-strong executive of the 1922 committee will take place soon after the Queen's Speech on May 14. Mr MacGregor, 60, would be put forward as the unity candidate. Although seen as a loyalist and centrist, he has made clear that he would be opposed to signing up to a single currency in the next five years, a stance that should win him strong support.

Mr MacGregor has broad experience of government, having been Secretary of State at Transport and Education, Leader of the Commons, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Leader of the Commons and Agriculture Minister. An accomplished conjuror, he is a member of the Magic Circle.

Mr Major will today hold discussions with Alastair Goodlad, his Chief Whip, about how to run the Tory Opposition in the weeks before the new leader is chosen, which could be as early as June 12. He is likely to reappoint the surviving members of his Cabinet to the same portfolios and ask them to take on additional responsibilities.

Mr Major may take on additional speaking roles in the Commons, particularly as he lost his Foreign and Defence Secretaries, Malcolm Rifkind and Michael Portillo. Junior ministers may be called on to take speaking roles, too.

Mr Major wants to avoid formal new appointments so as not to tie the hands of his successor.

Heseltine 'great' as he leaves hospital

Michael Heseltine left hospital last night after tests for a heart problem and was said by Conservative Central Office to be looking forward to resuming his political career. Mr Heseltine, 64, said "I feel great" as he was driven away from Horton General Hospital in Banbury, where he was taken on Saturday after suffering chest pains. He will have further tests at a Harley Street clinic.

John Major yesterday denied reports that Mr Heseltine's wife Anne was behind her husband's decision not to run for the leadership of the party. He said: "Michael's decision is sad for the Conservative party but it emphatically is a joint decision." Mr Major said he had decided to set the record straight before it became accepted that Mrs Heseltine alone had instigated the decision.

NEWS IN BRIEF

German police fail to find boy

German detectives confirmed they had unsuccessfully investigated claims in Baden-Württemberg that Ben Needham, who went missing from the Greek island of Kos in 1991, had been smuggled into Germany.

Trawlerman, 20, feared drowned

Hopes were fading last night for Neil Wood after he was washed overboard from the trawler *Aurora* 200 miles off the Outer Hebrides. It was thought Mr Wood, 20, from Portknockie, Moray, was not wearing a lifejacket.

CORRECTION

The Royal Shakespeare Company asks us to point out that the 1995-96 earnings of its general manager were less than half the £105,000 quoted in a report of April 25.

☐ Wimbledon's first Labour MP was Arthur Palmer, elected in 1945 (report, May 2).

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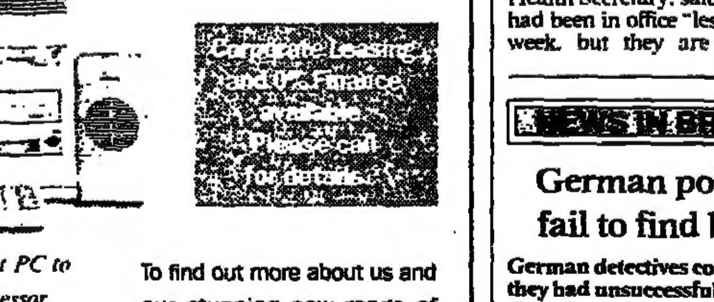

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Three boys feared drowned on coast

Two still missing after rescuers find body of 11-year-old

By Paul Wilkinson

THREE boys were feared dead last night after becoming trapped by the rapidly rising tide while exploring coastal marshes at the mouth of the Humber estuary. Rescuers found the body of Christopher Scott, 11, and hopes were fading for his friends, Nathan Sawyer, 9, and Ian Smye, who would have been 10 yesterday.

The search for the "inseparable" friends, from the Lincolnshire hamlet of North Coates, will resume this morning, but police said their chances of survival were slim. Detective Chief Inspector Paul Jones, of Lincolnshire Police, said: "The prospects are very grim. The longer the search goes on, the worse it gets."

The boys had spent Sunday among the isolated marshland round Horseshoe Point, four miles south of Cleethorpes. Mr Jones said: "I think they had gone out there to play, lost track of the time and didn't recognise when the tide was coming in. It rushes in like an express train and within 10 to 15 minutes the boys could have found themselves stranded on a small island. It is absolutely lethal.

"A lot of children of that age are not aware of the dangers of going down there because their brothers and sisters have always been there in the past. To them it is like an adventure playground."

Ian's father, Chris Smye, who lives with his wife, Andrea, and their three other children, Bronywn, Kayleigh and Luke, in a farmhouse near the coast, said: "I've got no idea what made them go out there. It's a terrible, treacherous place."

At one stage during the search for the boys, three coastguards got into difficulty and had to be airlifted to safety. Local people know the area as treacherous, with mud flats and sandbanks cut by scores of rivulets that drain the flat Lincolnshire countryside into the sea. It disappears twice a day under a tide that can rise as much as 30ft. In spite of the danger, the area is a magnet for bored youngsters with a taste for adventure. The three boys are thought to have been cut off on a ridge of sand called a wildback.

Valerie Scott, 50, who looked after her grandson Christopher with her husband James, 47, said: "I feel more for the other two parents. We've got Chris's body back. I'm sorry to say, but they haven't. We're just praying for a miracle that the two boys saw Chris drown and are too scared to come home. The three boys were inseparable and were everywhere together. It hasn't sunk in. I just keep thinking he is going to come walking through the door."

Christopher's body was found at 1am yesterday by an RAF rescue helicopter that had been brought in to assist 30 police and coastguards, who, with 150 local volunteers, had been searching since the alarm was raised on Sunday evening. The searchers also included RNLI inshore rescue teams and professionals from the International Rescue Service in Southwell, Nottinghamshire.

Mrs Scott said: "We used to warn them all the time about the dangers of going down there but lads are lads and they thought it was one big adventure."

The boys were last seen on the mudflats at about 1pm on Sunday. When Christopher failed to return by 6pm his grandfather, a food-process supervisor, went looking for them.

Mrs Scott said: "He looked at various places in the village but could not find them so went up to Horseshoe Point by chance and found the boys' bikes. Ian couldn't swim but Chris could, but when the tide comes in as quickly as it does, it doesn't matter how good a swimmer you are. I think they were out playing and got caught by the tide."

MICHAEL POWELL

More than 150 local people joined police and rescue teams searching the mudflats and coastline where the boys had gone in search of adventure

Nathan Sawyer: missing

Christopher Scott: dead

Iain Smye: missing

Bleached whale's whiff of the sea

By Shirley English

THE skeleton of Moby, the whale that died in the Firth of Forth, went on display yesterday after a mammoth clean-up using 100 boxes of Persil Automatic washing powder and copious amounts of bleach.

It took more than a month to clean the huge frame of the 38.5-tonne sperm whale. But as the 52ft-long display was laid out in the National Museum of Scotland, it was apparent that the curators' hard work had failed to prevent an unmistakably fishy aroma.

One of the first visitors, Scott Sine, 6, from Musselburgh, gave a quick assessment: "It's huge ... and it smells a bit." A museum spokeswoman explained that the smell came from oils in the bones that had not been extracted to enhance preservation.

Moby died on March 31 on mudflats near the village of Airth. The body was taken to a landfill site where more than 150 bones were removed before burial. At the National Museums Research Centre, in Granton, they were "cooked" in huge vats of water and Persil for 12 hours before being bleached and scraped.

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Explosive rat blamed for cottage fire

By Tim Jones

COUNTRY life may be wilder than anyone thought. A couple have been told that a £60,000 blaze at their rented cottage could have been caused by an exploding rat.

The fire destroyed the thatched roof and bedrooms of the 400-year-old cottage in Puddledock, near Attleborough, Norfolk, obliging Roger Blindell and his wife Sylvia, both 53, to move into a caravan. Experts employed by the insurers believe that a rat crawled into the reed and straw thatch to die after eating poison containing phosphorous. As the animal decomposed, they say, the phosphorous burst into flames on exposure to air.

Yesterday Mrs Blindell said: "It is almost something out of Monty Python. Until they came up with that idea, they thought the fire may have been started by a bird carrying a lighted cigarette into the roof."

Detailed examination failed to find any obvious electrical or other faults. Mr Blindell said: "While one of the experts was outside, he noticed a rat scurrying along by the side of a small stream and made the suggestion. Although I had not put down poison, he said it was possible that a rat might have eaten some near by and then gone up into the roof."

David Smith, the Swiss-based owner of the cottage, refused to name the insurance company. He said: "The whole matter is very sensitive because they have just verbally admitted liability." Once the property has been repaired, the Blindells hope to buy it. They would rename it Phoenix Cottage.

GP barred by golf club over hole in one ear

By A Staff Reporter

A WELSH golf club has expelled a doctor who refused to remove a silver earring while playing. Dr Stephen Glascoe, 46, said he had worn an earring for more than 20 years without anyone objecting.

Officials of The Ridgeway Golf Course near Caerphilly, South Wales, told Dr Glascoe, who plays off an 18 handicap, that his earring was judged unacceptable by fellow golfers on the nine-hole course. "I was told that I would have to remove my earring if I wanted to continue as a member there," he said.

"I cannot understand why I am being banned now because I had even played some competitions at The Ridgeway without anyone mentioning it. My earring has never been a problem at other courses. When Tiger Woods won the US Masters a lot of people hoped it would help to end the image of golf as a sport riven with snobbery and prejudice. This shows there's still a long way to go."

Dr Glascoe, who has a surgery in Cardiff, joined the club last November. After his expulsion he was given a refund for the remaining five months of his membership subscription. Friends said he regularly wore the single ring in his left ear.

Larry Baynton, club captain at The Ridgeway, said Dr Glascoe had been the only member to refuse to abide by the club's dress code. "The other men who wear earrings have agreed to remove them when they are playing," he said. He said the decision to ban men wearing earrings on the greens had been taken by the committee representing the club's 200 members. Women were not affected by the ban.

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Little boy with an eye for the big picture

Dalya Alberge on a talent fed by war and poverty

THE paintings grew out of civil war and poverty. They are meant to portray the big picture of life and death. The artist is aged 11.

The talents of the boy from Georgia in the former Soviet Union so impressed a London art dealer that he is devoting an exhibition to the prodigy Beso Kazaishvili. Roy Miles, who has a gallery on Bruton Street, said: "We have a possibility that we've found a genius."

The test may come when the works go on show from May 23 to June 6. Drawings will be priced at £200 to £300, and paintings at £700 to £800. Mr Miles wants some of the proceeds to pay for Beso to attend art school.

Beso, one of seven children, began drawing at the age of four, when Georgia was one of the richest parts of the Soviet empire. He has been so prolific that his oeuvre already extends to 3,000 works. He has worked with Indian ink, gouache, watercolours and oil, and gives some of his latest paintings such titles as *Grief* and *The Light of Beauty*.

Salvador Dali fired Beso's imagination

A recurring motif is an eye. He said: "I paint an eye because it sees everything. When there are wars and people are dying, the big eye becomes wicked. It protects kind people but if they become friends of evil, it punishes them too. That big eye is the God."

Musicians bloom early but child geniuses are rare in visual arts. Millais and Picasso were among the few who developed by their teens. Last year the art world viewed with scepticism a ten-year-old girl hailed as "the new Picasso". Alexandra Nechita, daughter of a Romanian refugee, was seen by many as primarily a copyist. Beso's imagination is said to have been fired by the surrealist Salvador Dali.

Mr Miles set about arranging an exhibition within hours of being shown the work. He said: "He paints from the heart. When a country has gone through such a brutal war, children mature early. His country has terrible problems. It is now impoverished."

The Georgian ambassador to London, Teimuraz Mamatsashvili, said: "He explains things which he should not know about."

GILL ALLEN

Beso with his picture *The Eyes*. In the background is Roy Miles, who said: "We have a possibility that we've found a genius"

Cinema posters step back into the limelight

By John Shaw

TWO posters that helped to attract cinema-goers 60 years ago are about to draw an audience just for themselves. Film buffs are expected to pay up to £9,000 each for the rare memorabilia in an auction of movie history.

The atmospheric images advertised *The 39 Steps*, widely considered Alfred Hitchcock's finest British film, and are the only known examples surviving from the 1935 production. One shows Robert Donat, the hero, hanging on to the outside doors of an express train as it thunders across the Forth Bridge.

Donat and Madeleine Carroll starred in the classic about a couple handcuffed together in a much-remade spy story adapted from the thriller by John Buchan. The posters were discovered in a cinema abroad and are being sold anonymously at Christie's in South Kensington on May 19. They are considered important to collectors because there are no examples from Hitchcock's pre-war films, said Tony Nourmand, a consultant to the auction house.

Some of Hitchcock's later Hollywood classics are currently being shown on television, and the posters on sale include films such as *To Catch A Thief* (1955), *Vertigo* (1958), and *Psycho* (1960).

The Hitchcock group leads an auction which is strong in glamour. Rita Hayworth, Columbia's leading star from the golden age of Hollywood, is represented by *Gilda* (1946), which established her as a postwar sex goddess. A French poster for the film is expected to make up to £3,000, but a highly sought-after Italian version is expected to fetch up to £7,000.

World cinema is represented by material from an earlier era. Two French posters for *Pandora's Box* (1929), a landmark silent film by G.W. Pabst and starring Louise Brooks, are expected to fetch up to £12,000.

Christie's saleroom in Old Brompton Road has become one of the main centres of a growing international market in vintage film material. The sale, the fourth, is expected to make more than £340,000.

Earlier this year, one of only two known posters for *The Mummy*, a Boris Karloff horror film from 1932, set an auction record of £277,000 at Sotheby's in New York.

They don't make posters like that any more: the last-known survivors from the original *39 Steps*

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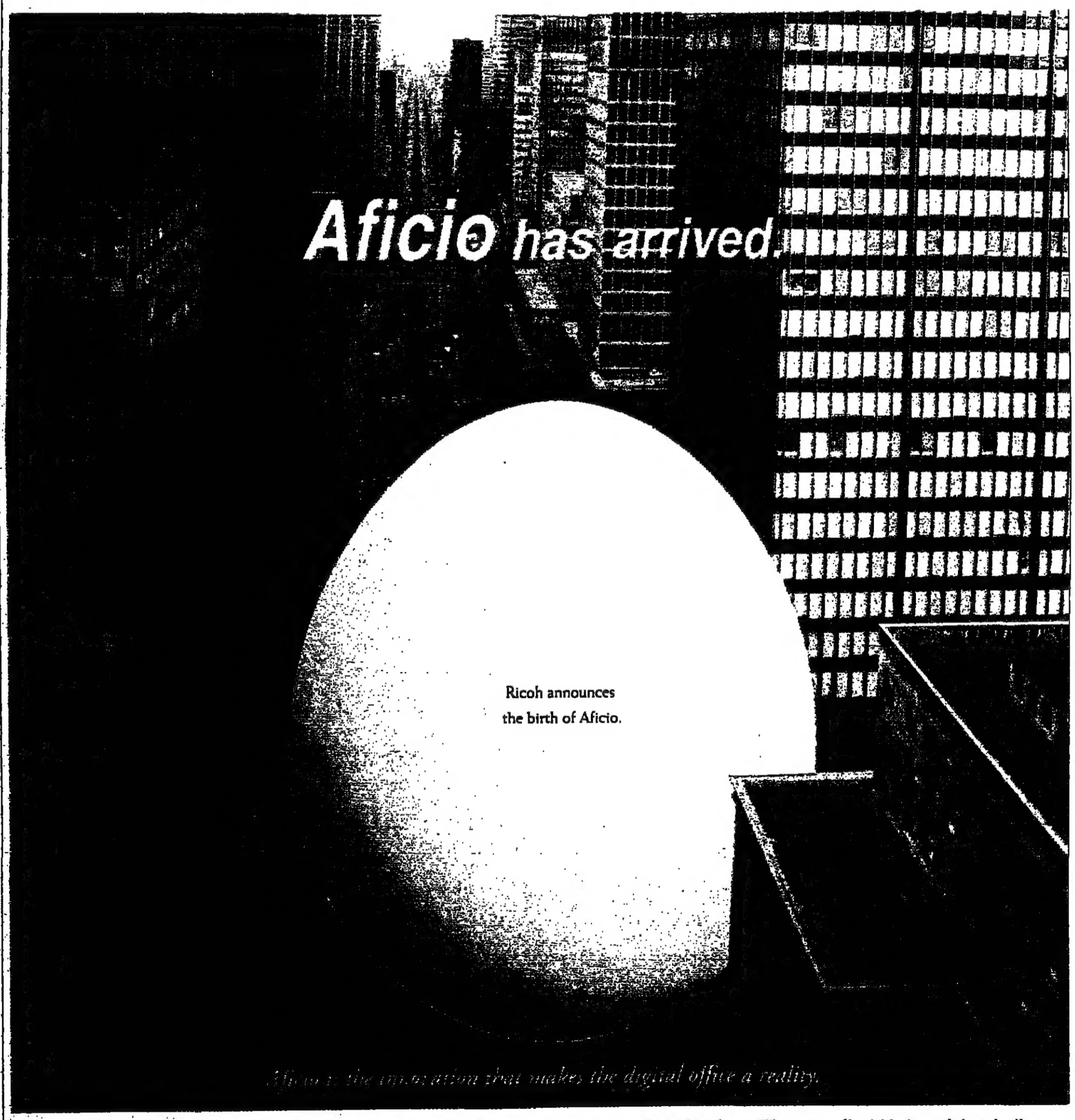

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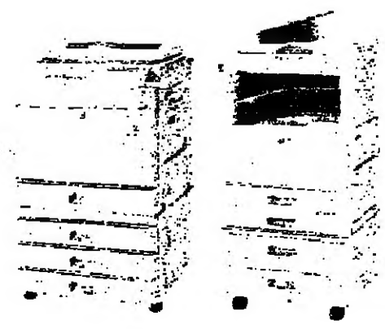

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Vets back demand for badger cull to save cattle from TB

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

VETS have called for widespread culls of badgers to stop them spreading tuberculosis to cattle. It is the first time vets have backed demands by farmers for large-scale control of one of Britain's best protected animals.

The policy shift poses an early challenge for Jack Cunningham, the new Agriculture Minister. Labour argued in Opposition that even the limited killing now allowed was a waste of money and should be abandoned.

The British Veterinary Association, in a paper submitted to a committee investigating the link between badgers and bovine TB, said the disease was spreading rapidly and causing farmers unsustainable losses. It called for extensive culling in places where TB in cattle coincided with a high level of infection among the badger population.

"Until a more effective way of controlling the disease can be found, extended and rigorous culling of badgers in new areas offers the best available control," the BVA said. "Any culling operation must include lactating sows."

In effect, the BVA is proposing a return to the strategy of the mid-Eighties, when all badgers within a certain distance of an infected farm were trapped and shot. Before that, they were gassed in their setts, a practice abandoned after a public outcry.

At present the Ministry of Agriculture shoots only those badgers that can be trapped on farms that have had an outbreak of cattle TB. Badgers that live off the farm, or even on parts of the farm not used by the infected cattle, are left alone. Lactating sows are also spared on the ground that it would be cruel to leave cubs motherless.

John Sterry, a vet from Bristol who represents the BVA on the Government's consultative panel on badgers, said: "In southwest England bovine TB is now probably the most serious livestock problem: BSE is fading away, but TB is out of control while the animals causing it are protected by law."

There is still no scientific proof of a direct link between a growing badger population and the increase in cattle TB, but vets are worried by the spread of the disease to counties, such as Staffordshire, outside the main area of infection in the South West. With no prospect of a reliable cattle vaccine for another ten years, they are under pressure from farmers to take a stronger line.

Infected cattle are slaughtered, and farmers are paid 75 per cent of their value by the Government, but can still lose thousands of pounds. Consumers are protected by pasteurisation of milk.

The number of cattle herds infected with TB rose from 126 in 1991 to 449 in 1995, the latest year for which there are reliable figures, with the cattle slaughtered each year rising from 1,626 to 3,589. Of the 449 outbreaks, 316 were in Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Avon, Shropshire and Hereford and Worcester. This is also where about a third of the estimated 250,000 badgers in Britain live. Farmers are convinced there is a correlation between the abandonment of tougher badger culling policies in the past and the trend in the incidence of cattle TB, which declined in the late 1970s and early 1980s and then started to rise sharply.

But Professor Stephen Harris, of Bristol University's school of biological sciences, who is carrying out a badger census commissioned by the Conservative Government, says there is scant evidence that the level of TB in cattle has been influenced in any way by culling.

"In Northern Ireland, where no kind of badger control has ever been practised, the incidence of bovine TB since 1975 has been almost identical with the trend in southwest England," he said. "So we have to look for other environmental factors."

Professor Harris believes a run of warm and quite wet springs in recent years is the most likely reason for the rising trend in bovine TB. It has promoted good spring grass growth, creating exactly the right conditions for the survival on pasture of TB bacilli.

Badgers may be trapped and shot because they are blamed by farmers for spreading TB among cattle herds

Dead fish linked to industrial discharge

By Michael Hornsby

THOUSANDS of flounders and elvers have been killed in the Medway estuary in Kent. Industrial plants are suspected of being the source of the contamination.

The fish were found on a five-mile stretch of the estuary between New Hythe and Wouldham on Sunday afternoon. "At least 5,000, and probably many thousands more, have been killed. We are treating it as a Category One incident, the most serious," said Ray Kemp, an Environment Agency spokesman.

"The pollutant is colourless and odourless and has not yet been identified. Samples of fish and water have been sent away for analysis. One possibility is that an industrial plant discharged water that was too hot into the river, which suffocated the fish by reducing the oxygen level."

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Glasgow Bible puts the Auld into Testament

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

IT WIS a lang time ago, right enough — thoosans an thoosans o years since. There wis nuthin whaur the earth is the noo — absolutely nuthin at aw. "Weel noo," God says tae himsel wan day, "I'll fix a wee bit dod o land — doon there."

So begins the Bible in Glaswegian, the word according to Jamie Stuart, an elder at High Carntyne Church.

In "The Auld Testament", God makes folk "tae look like himsel — man an wumman thegither". He beams with gladness at his work on the seventh day, when "the Almighty wis due for a weeriest". Noah gathers together "pairs o aw the birds an beasts". Joseph's coat of many colours becomes a "flashy jaiket", and his brothers think him a "real blether, right enough".

Sadly, however, the account of Noah's drunkenness is omitted from the book, which appears this week courtesy of St Andrew Press, the publishing arm of the Church of Scotland. However, the tale of Sodom and Gomorrah is included. "Hey there, Mister Lot — gauny send oot them two boys," the Sodomites sneer. "We want tae get pally wi them!"

The Ten Commandments come down from Heaven as "nae murderin, nae theivin, nae lyin, stick fast tae yer ain partner and nae greedy habits". David "fechts" Goliath, described as "an enormous sodger". The Israelites were "gobsmacked". "Did this wee nyaff ken whit he was sayin?"

The Bible in Glaswegian includes the bestselling Glaswegian New Testament, produced by Mr Stuart, a former actor, in 1992. He was inspired to write it after he heard Alec McCowen deliver his acclaimed one-man drama of Mark's gospel at the Edinburgh Festival.

The 139-page book, which contains a selection of the best Bible stories, is dedicated to the late Ruth Campbell, the 21-year-old daughter of John Campbell, a Church of Scotland minister. She died in a road accident last year in America, where she had been working with a local church.

☐ *A Glasgow Bible (St Andrew Press; published May 8; £6.50)*

Circle dates from before Stonehenge

A PREHISTORIC monument that pre-dates Stonehenge by 800 years has been discovered beneath the fields of Northumberland.

Radio carbon dating of organic remains recovered from the henge — a circular monument formed by an outer bank and an inner ditch — suggests it was constructed and used around 4,600 BC.

Clive Waddington, director of the excavation in the Milfield Basin near Wooler, described the find as "phenomenal". "We know the site is 6,000 years old, making it the oldest henge ever identified in Britain," he said.

The henge is 100m in diameter and was protected by a bank 2.5m high, with a 3m ditch inside it from which the building material was quarried. A road has been traced running through the henge and leading to a fording point on the River Till.

Mr Waddington, 26, believes the henge would have been used as a place of worship and to over-winter livestock. He said: "We were doing a much wider study of the area and came across the henge. When we saw it from the air there was even stronger and more compelling evidence of what it was.

"It would have taken hundreds of people with their stone tools to build it and would have been a huge undertaking.

"The drove road shows that cattle and pigs were herded into the henge for wintering from the sandstone uplands across the River Till."

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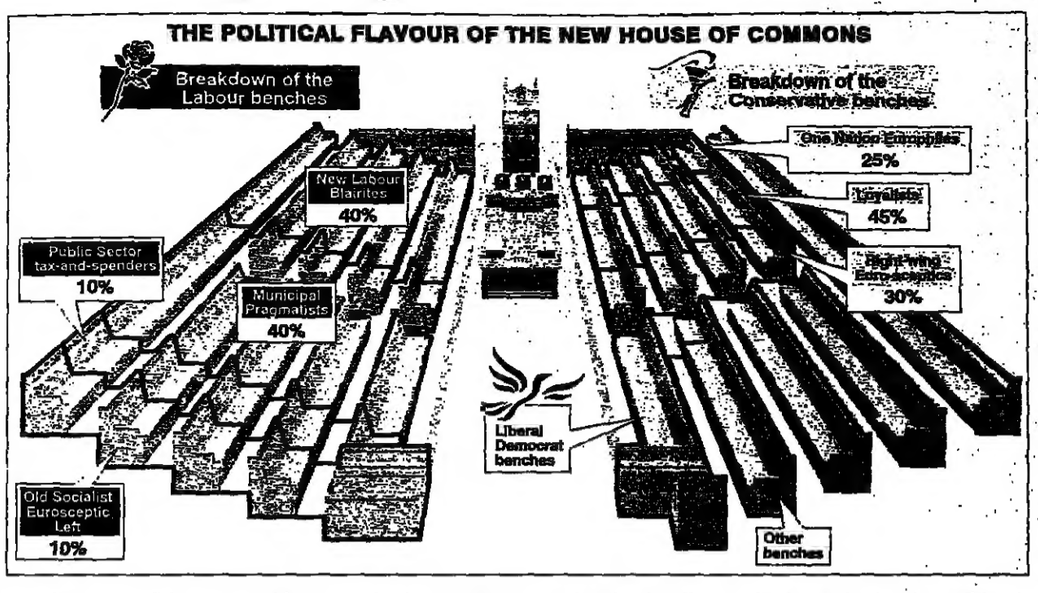
Left in the cold as Blair has whip hand over pragmatic intake of MPs

Byron Criddle examines the maths factor dominating control of both parties in the House



TONY BLAIR has little to fear *from the new Parliamentary* Labour Party despite the flood of unexpectedly elected MPs who benefited from the massive swing away from the Tories.

According to a rough analysis of Labour's 418 MPs, some 40 per cent are modernising Blairites. A further 40 per cent are pragmatic traditionalists, many of whom are women and are former councillors who are likely to remain loyal to the party leader even though some have track *records on the left of the party.*

Only 10 per cent can be described as "tax and spenders" from the public sector. A similar number broadly represent the old Socialist Left, hostile to Europe.

Before the election, Labour insiders envisaged a new in*take of some 125 MPs to* replace those retiring and to occupy the key seats needed for a working majority. Twenty per cent of these were expected to be old Labour leftwingers. The landslide has *added a further 60 names to* the anticipated intake, some of whom are less well-known.

Certain demographic hallmarks stamp the phalanx of new Labour MPs. Most attended state schools, red*brick universities or polytech*nics, worked in the public or voluntary sector, and were involved in local government. The appearance is given of a large tax-and-spend lobby.

But for the two thirds who have been local politicians, the experience of operating within *spending constraints, manag*ing and cutting huge budgets, working with the private sector and contracting-out has forged a new culture.

Louise Ellman (Liverpool Riverside) has a CV laden *with entrepreneurial initia*tives as leader of Lancashire County Council. *Graham* Stringer (Manchester Blackley) is a former leader of Manchester council but now, as chairman of Manchester airport, an advocate of its second runway. He belies his Bennite past by admitting "economic policies have *moved to the right but that* town halls, given spending *constraints, would have been* mad to refuse partnership agreements with the private sector and Europe".

Tony Colman (Putney), a millionaire businessman, as leader of Merton council is *strong on public- and private*-sector partnerships, local government finance and the "green agenda" more commonly associated with Liberal Democrat councils.

As for the rank-and-file *councillors conditioned to* habits of discipline, the Whips' Office need look no further than Malcolm Savidge (Aberdeen North) for the sort of affable loyalist they want. All these ambitious *municipal politicians, who in* the locust years had to mark time, are finally — in their mid-to-late forties — reaching Westminster, anxious to stay for more than five years.

None of this precludes many having leftwing records as professional politicians *whose careers began in activ*ism 20 years ago. Jim Fitzpatrick (Poplar & Canning Town) and Ian Gibson (Norwich North) were members of the Socialist Workers' Party. Judy Mallaber (Amber Valley) was in the Communist Party. John McDonnell (Hayes & *Harlington) was more left*wing than Ken Livingstone.

Charlotte Atkins (Staffordshire Moorlands), whose father Ron Atkins MP was a leftwing thorn in the side of the 1966-70 Wilson government, co-wrote with Chris Mullin the activists' manual for deselecting moderate Labour MPs. Yet by 1990 she *herself was being parachuted* by Walworth Road into the Eastbourne by-election in place of a candidate who had not paid the poll tax.

By 1997, Ian Gibson was accepting "hard realism" and acknowledging that "people want to win". Siobhain McDonagh (Mitcham & Morden) earned her Blairite spurs in her denunciation of Arthur Scargill's attempt to reopen the Clause Four issue at the 1995 conference.

Yet Ms McDonagh, like many others, does sound a traditionalist note on education, notably in defending the *comprehensive principle, and* it may be that the traditional prominence of teachers in the new intake will preclude too much Blairite pragmatism of the sort favoured by the economist Ruth Kelly (Bolton West). Ms Kelly, educated at Westminster School and Oxford, "doesn't have a problem with opted-out schools" and wants the state sector to be more attractive to the middle classes.

The initial Blairite project is expected to channel radical*ism into cost-free areas such* as constitutional reform, homosexual rights, bloodsport bans and gender-related reforms, and this may well suffice for such old Labourites as David Chaytor (Bury *North) who favours a reduced* monarchy.

Then there are the Cryers, Ann (Keighley) and son John (Hornchurch), who are chips off the late Bob Cryer's block, and the unexpected Claire Curtis-Tansley (Crosby) who comes with a leftwing reputation.

Most of the 65 new women have risen through the Labour Women's Network and are known as much for a feminising focus as anything else. Diana Organ (Forest of *Dean) talks of "altering the* public's perception of the Labour Party as no longer made up of working-class, middle-aged men". Here the agenda is distinct: to change the culture by moving from confrontational to consensual politics. This required more *than 101 women MPs in a five*-year parliament. Marginal seats (in which the bulk of the new women sit) will need to be *retained to complete this cul*tural change beyond 2002.

In broader terms, the presumed debt to Tony Blair for the scale of the victory and the prudence of career politicians who acknowledge the social heterogeneity of the votes that delivered the landslide, means *that the Blairites will set the* pattern.

Here one looks to the last-minute parachutees, Blair's favourite trade union leader Alan Johnson (Hull West & Hessle), the academic lawyer Ross Cranston (Dudley North), the journalist Yvette Cooper (Pontefract & Castleford), and the lawyer *friend of Donald Dewar*, Des Browne (Kilmarnock & Loudoun).

The more prominent party or union careerists include such people as Patricia Hewitt (Leicester West) and Charles Clarke (Norwich South), both former Kinnock aides, Karen Buck (Regent's Park & Kensington North) and Fraser Kemp (Houghton & Washington East) — both sent from Walworth Road, and John Healey (Wentworth).

Do the 35 or so least-expected names in Labour's landslide alter any of this? *Will the PLP tail wag the dog?* No; the same demographic variables prevail — public-sector employment and municipal politics. The tail is younger, but still comprises party insiders such as Stephen Twigg (Enfield Southgate); Jim Murphy (Eastwood) and Christopher Leslie (Shipley), who are merely reaching Westminster one or two elections early.

Only slightly older than *these and in better seats are* Lorna Fitzsimons (Rochdale) and Phil Woolas (Oldham East & Saddleworth), who both, like Mr Murphy and Mr Twigg, have risen via the National Union of Students and have already exhibited the sort of flexibility that has earned Ms Fitzsimons the accolade of "class traitor of the month" and Mr Woolas the reputation of a consummate political animal, which is much the same thing.

The weight of the profes*sional politicians and the* sheer size of the majority should serve to marginalise the Left. The introduction of proportional representation would provide the opportunity for its exit from the party.

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New Labour: Louise Ellman and Graham Stringer

Old Labour: Ian Gibson and Charlotte Atkins

Morgan: spreading the Blair message

The 'fixer' helping to keep party at peace

BY JILL SHERMAN

TONY BLAIR has appointed Sally Morgan, a party and union fixer, as his political secretary to try to avoid damaging rifts that have troubled past Labour administrations.

Ms Morgan, 37, a keen moderniser, has worked in his office since 1994, and will now head the political unit at No 10 to ensure smooth communications between the Government and the party. Her job will be to get Mr Blair's message across to the party organisation and trade unionists.

She has spent most of the past few years doing that job in Opposition, and is regarded as a highly skilled operator who ensured that several potentially close votes at party *conference went in the leader*ship's favour. She also helped Neil Kinnock to rid the party of Militant in the 1980s.

A former teacher, Ms Morgan has worked for the party since 1985, becoming head of *campaigns at party headquar*ters before moving to Mr Blair's office after he became leader. She will work closely with Tom Sawyer, the party's general secretary, and with Bruce Grocott, Mr Blair's parliamentary aide.

Salmond mocks new Scots post

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

DONALD DEWAR, the Secretary of State for Scotland, announced yesterday that the new Scottish Office team would include *one extra post* to help to tackle devolution.

Henry McLeish will be Minister of State with responsibility for home affairs and devolution. Brian Wilson will be Minister of State for education and industry. Malcolm Chisholm becomes Minister for local government and transport while Sam Galbraith is Minister for health and the arts.

Alex Salmond, the leader of the Scottish Nationalists, immediately attacked the ap*pointments of Mr Wilson and* Mr Chisholm, who had campaigned against devolution in 1979, as "quite extraordinary". Mr Wilson was "the abominable no-man of 1979" whose appointment would send a tremor through the Home Rule movement, he said.

Centrists hold the key in Tory leadership battle

CANDIDATES in the Tory leader*ship contest face a tough battle to* win the support of centrist MPs who form the largest group of Conservatives left in Parliament after the party's landslide defeat.

According to rough analysis of the 165-strong Tory rump, about 45 per cent can be described as traditional Tories who will be loyal to whoever *replaces John Major as party leader.* While most are cautious towards Europe, they are not obsessively pro or anti. About 30 per cent can be broadly categorised as hardline *right-wing Eurosceptics, while 25* per cent are one-nation pro-Europeans.

The Conservatives have 41 new MPs, just a quarter of the party's parliamentary rump of 165. On the issue most salient for the party's unity, 22 of the 41 pronounced against the single European currency, or were opposed to it in tone without necessarily voicing an intention. This is a higher proportion than amongst the returning MPs, where 38 took up similar positions. *These figures may understate the* Eurosceptic element, as loyalists were constrained by Mr Major's attempt to hold the line to "negotiate and see".

The presence among the Eurosceptics of David Prior (North Norfolk), son of Lord Prior, further serves to confirm the minority status *of the one-nation tradition in the* party. Only two of the new intake appear to embrace that strand unequivocally; Shaun Woodward (Witney) and Damian Green (Ashford).

But many of the new intake had to respond to the euro question at a time when the party was desperately clutching at driftwood and, in the calmer waters after resolution of the leadership question, the parliamen*tary rump may come to exhibit a* different orthodoxy.

The Conservative leadership is likely to go to a centrist figure rather than to polar opposites such as John Redwood or Kenneth Clarke. Given that the largest group of Conservative MPs are agnostic on the issue of a single currency, it is most unlikely that they will opt for a leader who rules out the option completely.

The unity candidates appear to be William Hague and, further right, Peter Lilley. Mr Hague is probably *too young but otherwise is the Tory* answer to Harold Wilson, both in accent and elusiveness. Mr Lilley appears too tense. In reality, they need Chris Patten to overturn the landslide in 2002.

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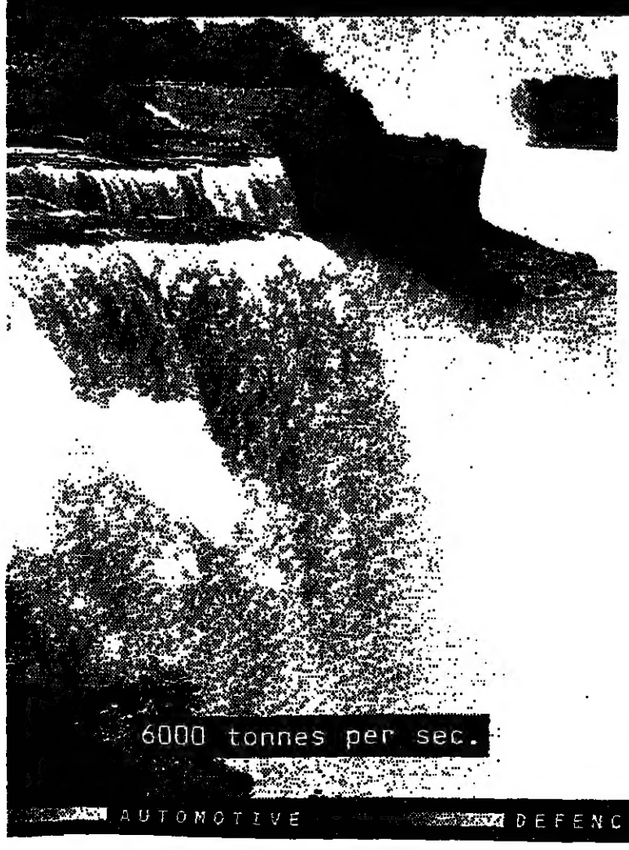

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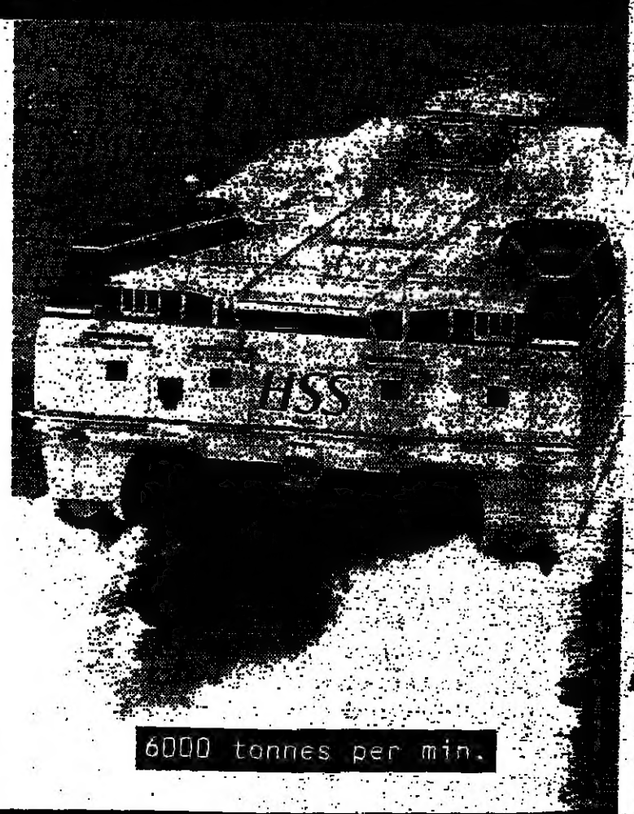

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Old and new side by side in full ministerial line-up

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

GORDON BROWN and John Prescott ensured yesterday that they got the teams they wanted when the Prime Minister announced the final details of his Government.

Tony Blair's full ministerial list includes several more modernisers but also a generous helping of left-wing and old-Labour appointments, notably Tony Banks, who becomes Sports Minister.

As expected, Alan Howarth, the Tory defector, gets his reward with a job as junior education minister. He had held higher office while serving with the Conservative Government but Mr Blair was reluctant to promote him too quickly to avoid resentment in the party.

Mr Banks, a left-wing campaigner for animal rights, and Chelsea supporter, is one of the most surprising appointments. The MP for West Ham has not held a frontbench job since 1993, when he was shadow London and transport spokesman.

Mr Blair's decision to move him into the sports job shows that he has no intention of jettisoning the Left in government.

Another key appointment goes to Dawn Primarolo, the left-wing MP for Bristol South, who becomes Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

Ms Primarolo, 43, was an active member of the left-wing Campaign Group and a close friend of Tony Benn.

Her new post, often seen as a stepping stone to the Cabinet, signals Mr Brown's confidence that she has discarded her "tax and spend" baggage.

The telegenic, sharp Commons performer has worked with Mr Brown since 1994, latterly in the post as shadow financial secretary.

Mr Brown has brought two of his shadow treasury team into government: Ms Primarolo and Alistair Darling, chief secretary to the Treasury. Geoffrey Robinson, who was appointed Paymaster General, a post which has gone back to the Treasury, is also a close friend of Mr Brown's.

So too is Helen Liddell, former Scottish Party general secretary, who was close to the late John Smith and took over his Monklands East seat after his death in 1994.

Howarth: reward for defection

Mr Prescott has also rewarded his friends by packing his new super Transport and Environment Ministry with loyalists, many of whom have had difficulty coming to terms with New Labour and Blairism.

Richard Caborn, his campaign manager for the Labour leadership, becomes Mr Prescott's number two and Hilary Armstrong, a former PPS to John Smith, is another minister of state. The other junior ministers include Angela Eagle and Glenda Jackson, both leftwingers.

Blairites also got their just rewards. Tessa Jowell, the arch moderniser, becomes number two at the department of health, where she is likely to quickly outshine Frank Dobson, her old-Labour boss.

Stephen Byers, another ally of Mr Blair, becomes David Blunkett's deputy at education, responsible for raising standards in schools.

Baroness Blackstone, another moderniser, becomes minister for higher education, taking over the slot vacated by Bryan Davies, who failed to find a seat in time for the general election.

Elizabeth Symons, former general secretary of the First Division Association of civil servants, lends a Blairite touch to the Foreign Office, where she becomes a minister. She will be joined by Derek Fatchett and Tony Lloyd, both of whom are regarded as leftwingers and would have been handpicked by Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary.

Brian Wilson has also been rewarded for his success heading the rebuttal unit to counter Tory propaganda, becoming the number two in Scotland, deputising for Donald Dewar.

A leftwinger but a modernising convert, he was a key player in the new-Labour election campaign team along with Peter Mandelson.

In his new job, he will have a pivotal role in shepherding the constitutional reforms through the House of Commons.

ANTHONY UPTON

Joining Brown's team: Dawn Primarolo, left, and Helen Liddell outside the Treasury yesterday

FULL LIST OF MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS FROM THE COMMONS

Stephen Byers, Education Minister
Tessa Jowell, Health Minister
Alan Milburn, Health Minister
Alun Michael, Home Office Minister
Joyce Quin, Home Office Minister
Derek Fatchett, Foreign Office Minister
Tony Lloyd, Foreign Office Minister
Adam Ingram, Northern Ireland Minister
Paul Murphy, Northern Ireland Minister
Brian Wilson, Scottish Office Minister
Henry McLeish, Scottish Office Minister
John Reid, Defence Minister
Ian McCartney, Trade Minister
John Battle, Trade Minister
Richard Caborn, Environment and Transport Minister
Geoff Hoon, Under-Secretary of State in the Lord Chancellor's Department
Hilary Armstrong, Environment and Transport Minister
Dawn Primarolo, Financial Secretary
Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary
Nigel Griffiths, Under-Secretary of State in DTI
Barbara Roache, Under-Secretary of State in DTI
Nick Raynsford, Under-Secretary of State for Environment and Transport
Glenda Jackson, Under-Secretary of State for Environment and Transport
Angela Eagle, Under-Secretary of State for Environment and Transport
Keith Bradley, Under-Secretary of State for Social Security
John Denham, Under-Secretary of State for Social Security
Sam Galbraith, Under-Secretary of State at Scottish Office
Malcolm Chisholm, Under-Secretary of State at Scottish Office

Tessa Blackstone, 54, Minister for Higher Education: Baroness Blackstone is Master of Birkbeck College and only the second appointment from the House of Lords. An authority on further and higher education, she has written on education and social policy. She helped to rally the intellectual Left and in 1988 formed the independent Institute for Public Policy Research.

Derek Fatchett, 51, Minister of State at the Foreign Office: on the Shadow Foreign Office team from 1994 to 1997. MP for Leeds Central since 1983. Educated at Birmingham University and the LSE. Has held several key Labour front-bench positions, speaking on education, employment training, trade and industry, defence and foreign affairs.

Peter Hain, 47, under-secretary of state at the Welsh Office: MP for Neath since 1991. His activist past includes leadership of the Young Liberals, anti-apartheid campaigns, membership of CND, the Fabians and the Anti-Nazi League, and sitting on the board of directors for the left-wing *Tribune* newspaper. Never regarded as a Blairite.

Angela Eagle, 36, Under-Secretary at the Department of Transport: a bright left-winger destined for fame. Would shrink from being described as a Blairite and is seen as a Prescott appointee. MP for Wallasey since 1992, she was a member of a number of Commons select committees before becoming a Labour whip in 1996. Chairman of the Tribune group.

Joyce Quin, 52, Home Office Minister of State: was tipped as minister for Europe, but considered too pro-European. Spent ten years in Brussels as a Labour Euro-MP for Tyne and Wear, and then shadowed the job in Opposition in 1993. MP for Gateshead since 1987. Educated at Newcastle and London universities, and formerly a lecturer in French and politics.

Richard Caborn, 53, Minister of State for Environment and Transport (deputy to Prescott, whose leadership campaign he led): Old Labour with a sense of humour. An MEP 1979-84, MP for Sheffield Central since 1983. Began working life as engineering apprentice and is a former convenor of shop stewards and vice-president of Sheffield Trades Council.

Geoff Hoon, 43, under-secretary at Lord Chancellor's Office: bright moderniser instrumental in building links between business and new Labour while opposition spokesman at Trade and Industry. MP for Ashfield, an opposition whip and an MEP for Derbyshire from 1984-94, he is an enthusiastic pro-European.

Hilary Armstrong, 51, Minister of State for Environment: former PPS to the late John Smith. A likeable and respected moderate, instrumental in securing union support for one-member one-vote reforms in 1993. MP for Durham North West since 1987, number two on environment since 1995. Former lecturer in community and youth work.

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Study shows early marrow transplant is answer to immune deficiency

Cure found for 'bubble boy' disease

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

BABIES born without an immune system, and prey to every passing infection, can be cured if the condition is detected quickly, an American study has shown.

The rare condition is known as "bubble boy" disease, because without treatment its victims can be protected from infection only by living inside a plastic bubble. It used to be a death sentence, although today many children are saved by bone-marrow transplants. However, the number could be higher still if the condition could be detected earlier and a transplant carried out within three months of birth, according to Rebecca Buckley of Duke University Medical Centre in Durham, North Carolina.

More than 90 per cent of babies born with the disorder could be given a healthy immune system if treated promptly, she said. It is not even necessary to find a perfect match: bone marrow from either parent is nearly as good.

The results of a 15-year study at Duke of 79 children with the condition was presented at the weekend at the annual conference of the American Pediatrics Society/Society for Pediatric Research. Dr Buckley said: "This once fatal disease should now be seen as a pediatric emergency, a condition that needs immediate diagnosis and treatment. Essentially, every baby with SCID could be cured if diagnosed early enough."

Babies with the condition suffer from a variety of genetic defects that leave their immune cells unable to fight off infections. It is very rare, occurring once in every half a million to a million births. Britain has fewer than a dozen cases a year, David Walters, Secretary-General of the Primary Immunodeficiency Association, said.

Dr Buckley said that routine testing of white blood cell count in newborn babies would pick up SCID sufferers and enable them to be cured. If the condition was not discovered until later, treatment could still be successful but was likely to be more prolonged and expensive. "A simple blood test could allow us to treat, and most likely cure, SCID in a child for as little as $25,000 [£15,600]," she said. "If found later, less effective treatment can run into the millions."

With the mother available as a marrow donor, the transplant can be done in the first few days of the baby's life. The baby can be treated in a day or as an out-patient.

The Duke team has also found that transplants can be done without chemotherapy. Many doctors give chemotherapy because they are following protocols originally developed for cancer treatment. But it is not necessary in children with SCID because they have no immune system cells to attack and destroy the donor marrow.

Of the 79 SCID patients treated at Duke between 1982 and January 1997, 78 per cent cent have survived, including all 12 who had exactly matched transplants. Seventy five per cent of those given marrow from a parent have survived.

The results for those diagnosed early are even better. Of 18 babies identified at birth or before because of a family history of the condition, all but one have survived. The oldest is 15. In this group, all of whom had a transplant within three months, there is no difference in outcome between perfectly matched transplants and those that came from a parent.

Mr Walters said that British experience of marrow transplants was similar, but the problem remained late diagnosis of the condition, or the failure to diagnose it at all. "The key is making doctors think about the possibility of SCID early in a baby's life" he said. A routine blood test of every baby would certainly detect the condition, but would be very expensive.

GILL ALLEN

Mark and Ann Vincent playing with a healthy Owen, who was diagnosed at seven months and had a transplant six months later

Baby diagnosed at seven months must be kept under close watch

WHEN Owen Vincent was born in August 1994, he appeared to be a normal baby. However, by Christmas he was starting to refuse food and fluids and his condition was worrying his parents.

After four GPs had reassured her that nothing was wrong, Ann Vincent declared that enough was enough and took Owen to Lewisham Hospital in southeast London. He was there until March before being diagnosed as suffering from SCID, and was then transferred to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

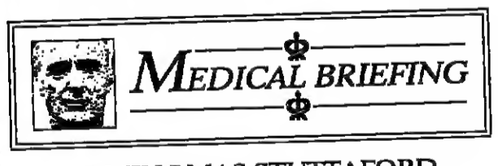
"By this time he had double pneumonia and was very ill," Mark Vincent, of Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, said. "But by June a matched donor had been found, and he had the bone marrow transplant in September, when he was just over a year old. He was given chemotherapy first." The transplant worked, and Owen is now a healthy boy. But because of his medical history, his parents have to make tremendous efforts to avoid infections. "Our friends know not to come and visit us if they have even the suspicion of a cough or a cold," Mr Vincent said. "We have also been told to avoid taking him to swimming baths, and when we asked recently if it was safe to have a dog, we were advised to wait a bit. It comes down to being sensible."

Owen in an oxygen chamber

Despite their efforts, scares are not unknown. Owen recently developed septicaemia and had to spend time in hospital. "Because of what he's been through, he was kept in longer than another baby would have been," Mr Vincent said. "But it turned out the infection was nothing to do with his condition, and he's better now."

Because the condition is genetic, Mr and Mrs Vincent are uncertain whether to have more children. "It's roulette, isn't it?" Mr Vincent said. If they were to have another affected child, it would at least be detected earlier, which would make treatment easier.

Research eases cancer fear in sterilisation



DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

RECENT research from the United States, published in the American Journal of Epidemiology, provides some reassuring news for men and women who have been surgically sterilised. Vasectomy was not shown to increase the chance of developing cancer of the prostate unless the man had a family history of the cancer. In women, sterilisation by tubal ligation was clearly shown to reduce the risk of cancer of the ovary.

Family planning by sterilisation, whether of the man or woman, is now the chosen method of contraception by a third of American couples. The proportion is rather less in Britain but it is becoming increasingly popular among women over 35 reluctant to use the Pill.

There are disadvantages to sterilisation in both sexes. The man who has the vasectomy may develop a haematoma, severe and painful bruising, or a sperm granuloma, a chronic, painful inflammatory lump which may persist for months, and is caused by sperm leakage.

Nor is anyone yet certain whether the production of antibodies to sperm, which usually happens after a vasectomy, might not cause other medical problems: some animal studies, for instance, have associated them with cardiovascular disease in later life.

Nor is it certain that a vasectomy will not reduce sexual prowess in older age. Above all, there have been several reports that it could increase the risk of prostatic cancer — there have been 14 studies of a possible link. These have given diverse results but the majority clear vasectomy of increasing the risk of malignant change. This latest report is mainly reassuring but the statistics still show a possible association between vasectomy and cancer of the prostate, but only in those men with a family history of the disease — which is more common than often realised.

The objection to female sterilisation is usually on the ground that it is a more complex operation, as it involves intra-peritoneal surgery. Although the incision is small, the surgeon needs to rummage around in the inner recesses of the abdomen and pelvis. The concept has become established that for a man to have a vasectomy, thereby sparing the woman the problems of sterilisation, is a fundamental but courtly gesture of devotion.

A disadvantage of female sterilisation, rarely mentioned, is that it changes the menstrual pattern in an appreciable minority of women. Some have lighter periods thereafter, others heavier. A possible beneficial effect of this phenomenon, presumed to be the result of interference with ovarian function, has now been revealed by the US National Cancer Study, which has been following the health of 1.2 million Americans since 1982. Research workers report that even when every statistically confounding factor has been removed, tubal sterilisation appreciably decreases the incidence of cancer of the ovary.

The results of the study, if confirmed, are particularly important, as any comparatively simple procedure which would solve the contraceptive problems of women in their thirties, and lessen by about a third the risk of developing a cancer which is as dangerous as it is difficult to diagnose, would be a great advance.

Britons delayed as blockades return to French roads

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

FRENCH lorry drivers blocked major roads in France yesterday in a repeat of the strike that brought the country to a standstill in November.

A 41-year-old union official died when he was struck by a lorry at a roadblock near Bordeaux. Witnesses said the official was attempting to persuade the driver to stop.

British hauliers were caught up in roadblocks outside Boulogne for several hours yesterday morning and on a trunk road near Dunkirk for much of the day. Private cars were let through the "filter block" two miles from Dunkirk, but lorries had to divert through Belgium to reach the Channel port.

The French National Highway Information Centre said traffic was moving freely around the ferry and Eurotunnel terminals at Calais, but added: "Roadblocks can spring up anywhere at any time." Although the protest movement started slowly yesterday, unions hinted that they might step up their action, threatening more of the chaos and gridlock that gripped France last year. Six months ago striking drivers blocked 250 roads for 12 days.

British road haulage companies are claiming £5 million compensation from the French authorities. Claims from other European operators total £85 million.

French drivers are angry at what they say is a failure to implement a November agreement to offer them early retirement at 55. They prevented access to a petrol depot near Bordeaux and set up a dozen other roadblocks. They also staged a number of "Opérations Escargots", clogging traffic by rolling at a snail's pace along motorways and on the Paris ring-road during the morning rush hour.

"At the moment, this is nothing like the scale of November's strike," the highway information centre said.

Roger Poletti, secretary-general of the Transport Federation at the centre-left Force Ouvrière, one of two unions supporting the strike, said: "Out of 3,776 drivers between 55 and 60, at most 350 will be able to benefit from the early retirement agreement. Drivers have not seen their conditions improve at all."

M Poletti added that his members had not received a Fr3,000 bonus promised after the November protests and a government decree on rest time was "inapplicable and unapplied".

However, the political costs of the November settlement are high. Yesterday some of France's 16,000 bus and coach drivers joined the strike as they, too, sought the right to stop work at 55. Buses blocked town centres in Caen, in Normandy, and Quimper and Brest in Brittany.

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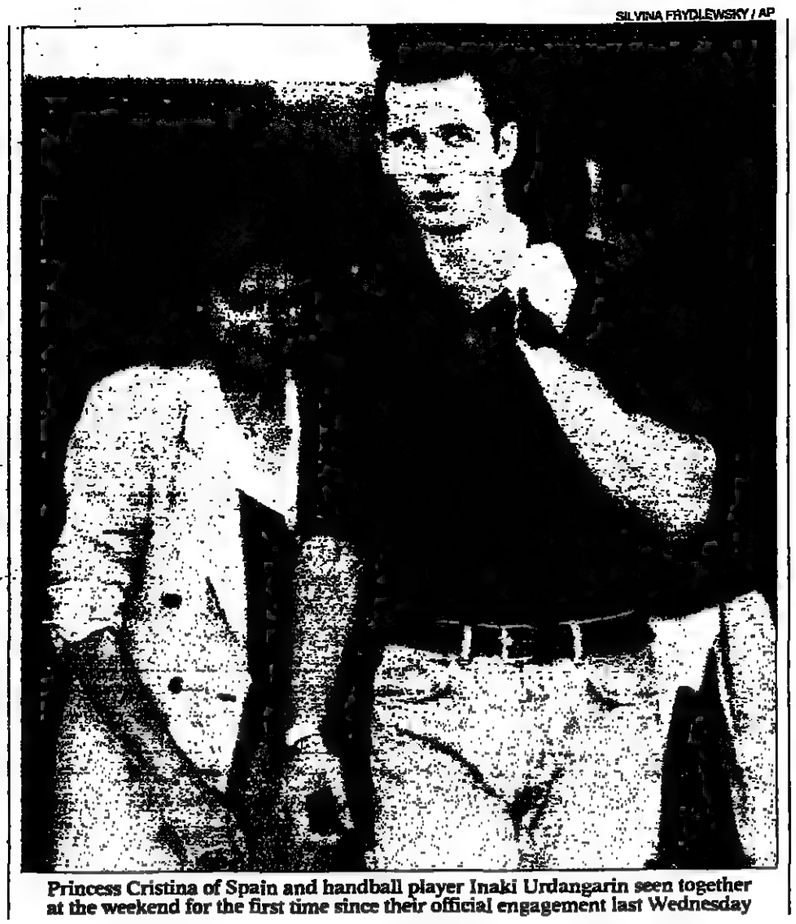

Princess Cristina of Spain and handball player Inaki Urdangarin seen together at the weekend for the first time since their official engagement last Wednesday

Former Clinton aide was 'paid $1m to keep quiet'

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

REPUBLICANS who believe Webster Hubbell was paid for his silence over Whitewater claimed yesterday that the former top aide may have received $1 million (£610,000) from President Clinton's allies, more than twice the sum originally disclosed.

Mr Hubbell resigned as Associate Attorney-General in 1994, pleading guilty nine months later to theft from the Rose Law Firm, the Arkansas practice whose partners included Hillary Clinton. His departure from government was swiftly followed by the receipt of what had been thought was more than $400,000 from foreign and other sources, money Clinton opponents have long believed was a reward for both Mr Hubbell's silence and his subsequent 16-month prison sentence on Whitewater charges.

However, Dan Burton, the Republican chairman of the committee investigating irregular donations to President Clinton's re-election campaign funds, said his inquiry had shown that much larger sums were paid to Mr Hubbell. "It may be a million dollars or more," he said.

Mr Burton said it was incomprehensible that Mr Hubbell "did so much legal work" in the months between leaving the Justice Department and his conviction.

The White House has consistently denied that the President, his wife or senior aides knew of Mr Hubbell's impending fate before he resigned in March 1994. Since his release from jail in February, Mr Clinton's former golfing partner has refused to co-operate with Whitewater and fundraising inquiries.

It was disclosed yesterday, however, that two of the President's confidants advised him of Mr Hubbell's need to resign. According to previously unpublished testimony before the Senate, James Blair, an Arkansas lawyer, warned the Clintons Mr Hubbell needed to go "as quickly as possible". David Kendall, the President's lawyer, was also involved in persuading Mr Hubbell to leave.

Chirac is urged to rescue campaign mired in boredom

BY ADAM SAGE

PRESIDENT CHIRAC is under pressure to relaunch a French parliamentary election campaign that has been condemned as boring by commentators and voters.

M Chirac's centre-right coalition, which is losing ground in the polls, wants him to intervene in the election on the second anniversary of his presidential triumph tomorrow. The move would be controversial, as M Chirac is expected to stay above the political fray.

But the President's supporters hope he will be able to kick-start the lacklustre campaign organised by Alain Juppé, his Prime Minister. With Lionel Jospin, the Socialist leader, performing almost as badly, the Gaullist-led majority believes the President can turn the tide in its favour. "I am expecting a lot from the presidential intervention," said Claude Goasgen, general secretary of M Chirac's Rally for the Republic.

Stéphane Rozès, an analyst, said a sense of confusion and apathy had settled over the political debate. With the ruling coalition promising continuity if it is re-elected, voters could not understand why it was necessary to call a snap election, he said.

With the Socialists and the ruling majority keen to avoid debate over Europe, the main argument has been over Tony Blair's election in Britain. The Left says it presages a Socialist victory in France. The Right contrasts Mr Blair's centrist policies with M Jospin's "old-fashioned" manifesto.

☐ Neck and neck: An opinion poll yesterday showed the French Left neck-and-neck with the ruling centre-right coalition and gaining ground. A Louis Harris survey for LCI television found the Centre-Right and the opposition alliance of Socialists and Communists could poll 38 per cent of the votes each. *(Reuter)*

Chirac: expected to stay above political fray

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Heavyweight cut up by sister's punch

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

UNABASHED that the word "sissy" might spring swiftly to the lips, Riddick Bowe, a former world heavyweight boxing champion, yesterday filed charges against his sister — for punching him.

Mr Bowe, 6ft 5in and weighing 250lb, alleges that his sister, dimensions unknown, hit him on his lower lip during a spot of sibling rivalry. She must have struck him with the precision of a prize fighter as the boxer's doctor referred to "considerable labial damage".

The sister, Velma, has countered her brother's charges and the doctor's jargon by saying that Mr Bowe hit her as well. The Brooklyn-born boxer, who won his first world title in 1992, retired last week, saying that he wanted to bow out while he could "still understand what people were saying".

In January he fulfilled a lifelong dream by enlisting in the Marine Corps, only to drop out, "bushed", after ten days of active service.

Yesterday, a tight-lipped police spokesman from Maryland's Prince Georgia County station said: "Yes, we are investigating a dispute in the Bowe family." Pressed, he conceded that his officers "could barely stop laughing".

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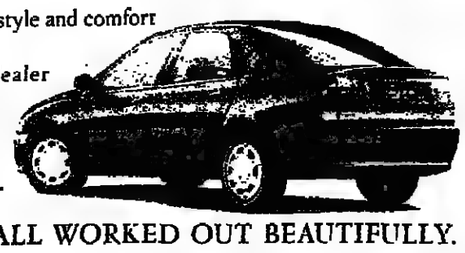

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Navy on course for military removal

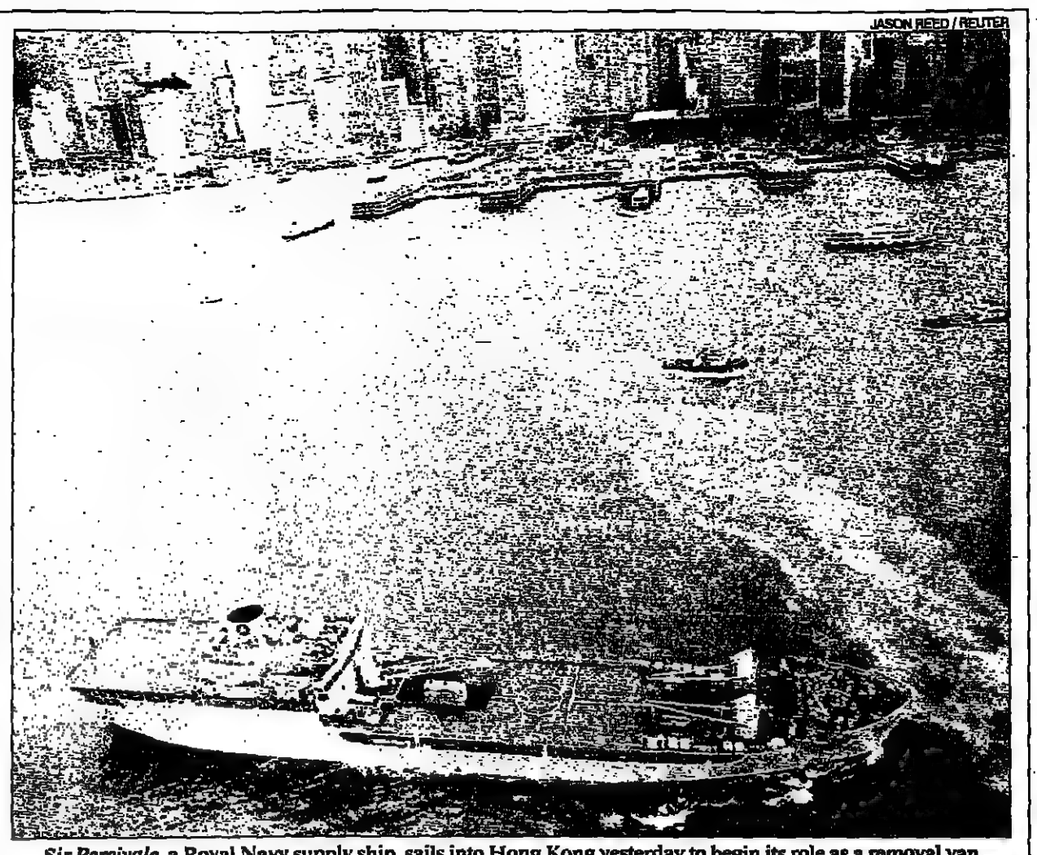
FROM CATHERINE FIELD IN HONG KONG

A ROYAL NAVY vessel arrived in Hong Kong yesterday to take away the last of Britain's military equipment from the territory.

The Royal Fleet Auxiliary ship *Sir Percivale* will be part of a British military escort of five vessels for the Royal Yacht *Britannia* when she leaves Hong Kong at midnight on June 30 with the Prince of Wales and Chris Patten, the Governor.

"*Sir Percivale* will be taking some ammunition and other military equipment back to Britain", said Major John Herring, the British garrison spokesman.

Before she weighs anchor, *Sir Percivale* will also become temporary home to the British Forces Broadcasting Service, which must leave its studios at Prince of Wales Barracks before June 30, when the building is handed over to the Chinese People's Liberation Army.



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Sir Percivale, a Royal Navy supply ship, sails into Hong Kong yesterday to begin its role as a removal van for more than 2,000 tonnes of equipment, including bullets and a yacht, from the British garrison

Tung urges Blair to abandon Tory Hong Kong line

The next Hong Kong leader hopes Labour will make a fresh start in Sino-British relations, **Jonathan Mirsky** writes

TUNG CHEE-HWA, Chief Executive-designate of the Hong Kong Government from July 1, called yesterday on the Government of Tony Blair to make a new start in Sino-British relations over Hong Kong.

In his first on-the-record interview with British newspapers since his appointment last year, Mr Tung said that he had read Labour statements that the Blair administration would continue the present British policy towards Hong Kong, which contests some of Mr Tung's basic plans.

"Nevertheless I hope the new Labour Government will look at the whole issue in a more macro way, looking at long-term relations between Hong Kong and Britain, China and Britain — to put behind [us] all the arguments, to sit down, say these things have to be done and move forward continuously in the interest of the six and a half million people of Hong Kong."

Mr Tung laid the blame for the bad relationship between China and Britain on the "last Conservative Government — there were major changes. This was very unfortunate." He declined to say what the changes were because, he noted, for three years he was a member of Chris Patten's Executive Council or Cabinet, which is bound by secrecy; but Mr Tung has said on other occasions that his differing views to the Governor's policy of making the Legislative Council directly elected were well-known.

Apart from this straightforward statement of hope and a few other direct remarks — such as there are no Communists in his own Executive Council, that Democrats can contest the next Legislative Council elections in June 1998, taking the place of Beijing's appointed body which in turn will have taken over from the wholly elected one on July, and that he does not hold the equivalent rank of minister in the Chinese Government — Mr Tung evaded most questions or repeated the bromides to which Hong Kong has become accustomed since January. He is an affable, courteous, seemingly cheerful man, but his views would not be worth repeating were he not about to become the supreme political figure in one of the most successful and richest cities on the planet. What Mr Tung expresses are the opinions of the Hong Kong super rich in their clubs, and in the same Hiches. He repeats, in answer to questions about his opinions and how they are formed, that Hong Kong "must move forward ... we must find a balance between the individual and society ... don't judge other people by your own values ... we must act as we think right".

In 1991 Mr Tung gave £50,000 to the Conservatives' election drive. In those days he was a ship owner, he said, "with large financial concerns in the UK. We were called on to make some donations to the governing party. We did that. It was perfectly legal." But he will bring in a law forbidding such contributions to political parties here: "We are too small, too vulnerable." Similarly, he says he knows some Communists in Hong Kong and "they are good people; the Communist Party in China does a good job". Although it is generally agreed there are at least 20,000 party members here, Mr Tung says: "They cannot be politically active [after July]. There wouldn't be one country, two systems."

While he insists there are no Communists in his Executive Council and he reads such rumours "with amazement" — party members here have identified two or three — Mr Tung appears to forget he has just said the party must not be active here, and notes that if there were party members in his Executive Council "I wouldn't be concerned".

Although Mr Tung intends to bring in a law requiring potential demonstrators to secure police approval that they are not a threat to "national security", in a recent television interview he said that Martin Lee, the chairman of the Democratic Party who recently met President Clinton in Washington, could demonstrate and would not be made a "martyr". But yesterday, having given the impression even to Mr Patten that Mr Lee need not have police approval to demonstrate after July 1, Mr Tung insisted: "Everyone must obey the law." Reminded that arresting Mr Lee before 6,000 international journalists here for the handover would indeed make him a martyr, Mr Tung repeated: "No one is above the law." When it was suggested that Hong Kong is a peaceful city he replied: "We want to keep it that way."

> He says he knows some Communists in Hong Kong and they are good people

Reminded that 300 university social scientists and Hong Kong's leading lawyers have pressed him not to change the laws pertaining to certain civil rights, which he rightly says were, until recently, curtailed by the British, Mr Tung said: "Yeah, yeah, I know." He had already observed that most Hong Kong people agreed with him on the importance of "balance".

Tung Chee-hwa, talking to British correspondents, blamed the Tories for bad relations with China

Deep Blue checks Kasparov success

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

GARRY KASPAROV, the world chess champion with the instincts of a rottweiler, was in the unaccustomed position of licking his wounds yesterday after Deep Blue, a supercomputer built by IBM scientists, whipped him in the second game of their six-match "man versus machine" challenge series.

After the game, played on Sunday, the series is now level at one victory apiece. The third match will be played today. Mr Kasparov's contingent, while shaken by their champion's defeat, is still confident of pulling through to victory in a battle that has now sprung vividly to life.

Some cynics have been suggesting that the defeat suited both Mr Kasparov and IBM a little too perfectly: a six-match whitewash in favour of the Russian would have killed off interest in future matches like this one, which is worth a lucrative $700,000 (£437,000) to the winner and an incalculable amount in commercial publicity to IBM.

But Internet users around the world, it has emerged, have risen nobly above the scepticism, and are following the tussle with a generous passion. Every day since the series began last Saturday, thousands of people have "hit" IBM's chess web site — http://www.chess.ibm.com/ — where the matches can be followed move by move.

America's on-line magazines are abuzz with erudite reports, discussions, rolling analyses and polls. One magazine asked its subscribers: "Kasparov versus Deep Blue: Who will win the chess tournament?" Man won, with 71 per cent of the Net votes polled; machine polled only 29 per cent.

Mr Kasparov, for his part, has shown that he can be as shrewd off the chessboard as he is ruthless on it. Picking his moment beautifully, he has just launched his own on-line enterprise, a "Kasparov chess club". Fans can explore Mr Kasparov's thoughts on the future of chess-playing computers, and his match reports.

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Aid staff plead for halt to Zaire rail evacuation despite rush to flee camp of horror

Exodus of refugees goes on after 91 die in packed train

FROM DAVID ORR
IN KISANGANI

ZAIREAN rebels appeared slow to react to an appeal by aid workers yesterday to halt the use of a narrow-gauge railway after 91 refugees died in overcrowded trucks.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees had appealed to the rebel authorities *not to* allow the train to run again until its operation could be better monitored. But six lorries full of refugees were still being loaded at the camp without any checks by humanitarian agencies.

Aid workers in Kisangani were still trying to come to terms with the horrific scenes they witnessed when the train carrying Rwandan refugees from the forest arrived at its terminus beside the River Congo on Sunday night. When the goods wagons carrying more than 3,000 people disgorged their cargo, 91 passengers were found to be dead and 47 injured, some seriously. Yesterday the ground was littered with discarded possessions: tattered clothing, cooking pots, identity cards, biscuits, Bibles and rosary beads. Andy Bastable, of Oxfam, said: "There were men, women and children dead in the carriages. Some of the refugees were grieving over the bodies, but most just seemed numb. When we unloaded the dead, people were just walking over the corpses on the ground."

> Some refugees were grieving, but most seemed numb. People were just walking over the corpses

It was just by chance that a group of aid workers was at the terminus when the train pulled in. Having spent the day at Biaro refugee camp deep in the forest, they were waiting by the river for the ferry to take them back to Kisangani. Among them was a German doctor who had been treating wounded refugees at the camp, 25 miles *south of the town.*

"The train was overcrowded," said Dr Assam Hanano, of the Cap-Anamur agency. "The people were so tightly packed they couldn't breathe. They died of asphyxiation and dehydration. I was able to save a few lives, but for some *of the injured it was too late.* They just died by the tracks."

The UN agencies in charge of the evacuation of 80,000 Rwandan refugees from the Zairean rainforest are still trying to establish who is responsible for the tragedy. The refugees are being transported by rail to Kisangani and from there by lorries to a transit camp on the outskirts of the town before being airlifted to Rwanda.

The operation *is being run* by the United Nations in conjunction with Laurent Kabila's Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire, which now controls more than three quarters of Zaire.

"We had appealed to the alliance not to run a train that day because our transit camp was already overfull.", said Paul Stromberg for the UNHCR. "But the train was *loaded and set off without an* OK from us. We don't know if it was the alliance which gave the order or if it was simply a matter of the rail company deciding to take another load."

The Rwandan refugees are *living in conditions of appalling* squalor in Biaro with little access to food or medical attention. Aid agencies are only allowed to operate in the camp for a few hours a day because of the lack of security. *Efforts to set up kitchens and* clinics have been thwarted by the rebel authorities, opposed to any permanent structures in the camp.

Desperate to escape the camp, the refugees crowded *onto the train on Sunday* afternoon, some of them hauling themselves into the carriages as they rolled past. According to one rumour, they had heard it was the last train out of the camp.

"Even *through my telephoto* lens I couldn't see any gaps in the sea of faces in the wagons," said Stephen Ferry, a photographer on the train. "The people were obviously dead standing up. It was only when *the train emptied that the dead* fell to the ground."

SAYYID AZIM / AP

A two-year-old Hutu refugee waits to be registered at Kigali airport in Rwanda with his father after being flown from Kisangani in Zaire

Unita troops plan counter-attack as Kabila advances on capital

FROM SAM KILEY IN KINSHASA

LAURENT KABILA last night gave President Mobutu "two to three days" to step down to save himself and his family from advancing rebels who *claimed yesterday they* were closing in on Kinshasa from the east and the west.

"If Mobutu turns over power before we enter Kinshasa, I will guarantee his safety and that of his biological family. But if he does not, we will have to chase him away in humiliation," Mr Kabila said at his headquarters in Lubumbashi.

The threat was dismissed by Mobutu Nzanga, 27, the son and spokesman for the President as "the arrogant words of a hooligan". Members of Mr Mobutu's entourage also said that they were organising a counter-attack using 500 men from Angola's Unita guerrillas and hand-picked soldiers from the special presidential division.

Yesterday they said that the column of elite troops was heading east, and that they intended to try to retake Kenge, about 120 miles from the capital. Although Jonas Savimbi has sent troops to reinforce Mr Mobutu's bodyguard and Unita has a reputation for battlefield brilliance, it would probably take a stronger force to turn back the rebel ride.

To boost the ranks of the loyal troops, Mr Mobutu's agents were offering £120 — 100 times their monthly salary — to join units preparing for the counter-attack. The rebels claimed to be only 40 *miles* from the airport outside Kinshasa. "Some us are taking the money, but when the shootings starts, we'll run. Who wants to die for a dying man?," said one young private.

Bill Richardson, the American special envoy, appeared to be of a like *mind.* After meeting Mr Kabila he said that he was hoping to arrange a "soft landing" for the rebels when they enter Kinshasa. "The object of my urgent mission is to prepare a soft landing for Mr Kabila's rebels when they reach Kinshasa to avoid bloodshed and chaos," Mr Richardson said.

After refusing all diplomatic requests that he drop his demand for Mr Mobutu to resign and hand power over to his alliance, Mr Kabila has begun to emerge as an independent force having shaken off the reigns of his original handlers in Rwanda and Uganda.

In an attempt to persuade the rebel leader's allies to put pressure on *him into* a less belligerent attitude, Mr Richardson also visited Paul Kagame, Rwanda's Defence Minister, and President Museveni of Uganda. Most people in Kinshasa were anxiously waiting for the rebels to arrive in the capital. Their main concern was that gov*ernment soldiers* would go on a final looting spree.

Citizens were preparing white flags to drape outside their homes in a sign of support for Mr Kabila. But most damaging for Mr Mobutu, who said at talks over the weekend that he was prepared to hand over to an elected leader, was that many units in his own army were also preparing to change sides.

☐ **Brazzaville:** Thirty non-commissioned officers last night surrounded Congo's Defence Ministry, firing in the air to stop traffic as they pressed a demand for a new law on the reorganisation of the army. The commercial centre of the capital of Congo, two *miles from Kinshasa* across the Congo river, went into panic as civil servants left work early and shops closed. *(AFP/Reuter)*

Families cook near piles of corpses

BY DAVID ORR

"WHERE *are the guys who pick up the* bodies?" asked one of the aid workers with Médecins Sans Frontières. A Zairean said he was part of the team in charge of the corpses.

The aid worker said: "OK, I'll give you body bags and gloves. First, we'll bury the bodies, then we'll put bracelets on the wounded so we know which are the *emergency cases for evacuation.*"

Another visit by Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) to Biaro camp, deep in the Zairean rainforest, had begun. There are more than 30,000 Rwandan refugees camped in the mud and filth of this makeshift settlement, 25 miles south of Kisangani. Bodies litter the site while the sick and wounded languish in the most abject squalor imaginable. Everywhere there is the sound of children crying.

"The only way we can cope is by *treating those who have a chance of* surviving," said Dominique Boutriau, the MSF's head of mission. "We have to make decisions about those whom we can treat and those who are so sick they're going to die. It's terrible but in these conditions there's no other way."

The world has all but turned its back on the tragedy in the Zairean rainforest. Most days there are no more than half a dozen international aid agencies working at Biaro. A couple of doctors and a handful of medical assistants struggle to cope with an emergency that demands doctors by the hundred.

Two weeks ago, about 85,000 Rwandans were driven out of their encampments by Zairean villagers wielding machetes and rebels firing automatic weapons. Nobody knows how many died, but the stench of bodies along the muddy track to the camps attests to the carnage. Last week the first refugees emerged from forest hiding places.

The paucity of the international aid presence is exacerbated by the reluctance of the rebel authorities to help the refugees. One frustrated aid worker at Biaro said: "They haven't allowed agencies to set up cooking centres or medical facilities. How are people meant to eat or get proper care?"

The dead are piled up behind the tents. Only feet away, families cook food over smoking fires, wash babies in filthy water and build shelters against the torrential rain.

☐ Kisangani: About 55,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees have almost reached Zaire's border with Congo after walking 1,000 miles, the UN World Food Programme said yesterday. *(Reuter)*

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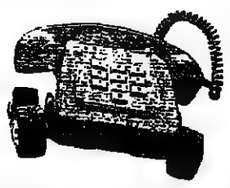

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Rewards of opium trade highlight Taleban hypocrisy

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN KANDAHAR

THE poppy fields start on the outskirts of Kandahar, the crop tall and ready for harvesting. In the coming month Afghanistan will produce enough raw opium to supply 80 per cent of the heroin market in Britain and the rest of Europe for a year, and there is nobody to stop it.

The southern city of Kandahar is the headquarters of Taleban, the militia that controls two thirds of the Islamic state. It imposes severe punishments for drug-taking by Afghans but encourages a vast narcotics industry for foreign markets. Afghanistan produces as much opium as Burma, the world's other main producer. Together they dominate the heroin trade and have divided the world between them: Europe belongs to Afghanistan, the United States to Burma.

Taleban's assertion that it is fighting heroin production is clearly a lie. Mullah Muhammad Omar, its reclusive one-eyed leader, could drive from his complex in Kandahar to the nearest poppy fields in ten minutes. For every kilo (2.2lb) of raw opium, Taleban imposes 10 per cent *zakat*, a Sunni Muslim tax. There are perhaps 250,000 poppy farmers in Taleban-controlled areas in the south, east and west of the country, all operating with impunity. The Islamic army has banned hashish production because the drug was widely consumed, but opium and heroin have never been part of Afghan culture or tradition.

A few opium smokers have been punished by being dunked for hours in freezing mountain streams or publicly flogged, but hard drugs have never been a significant social problem, unlike in neighbouring Pakistan, whose society is torn apart by them. Taleban allows poppy production because banning it would cause severe economic hardship to millions of Afghans, and would cost the Islamic army dearly in lost popularity and revenue.

Opium prices have quadrupled in the past four months, possibly because of fears that Taleban, anxious for international respectability, will eventually ban production. The United Nations Drug Control Programme is attempting to introduce crop-substitution schemes, but it is a long-term objective fraught with problems in a country with no government. Tree-borne fruits offer the best prospect of matching the profit margins of poppies, but most orchards have been destroyed by war.

All poppy farmers grow wheat and other crops for sale and personal consumption, but poppies are by far the best cash crop. They need little water, grow in poor soil and resist disease. Growers are likely to be paid around 5,500 Pakistani rupees (nearly £100) for a kilo of raw opium this season — substantial for a small farmer.

The buyers, often from Iran, come direct to the fields. It is a quick, simple process to turn opium into morphine base and heroin, requiring only two chemicals and some containers for the mixture. Most is processed in Afghanistan, although a substantial amount is produced in tribal areas of Pakistan, despite official denials. The end product reaches Europe mostly via Central Asia and Turkey. Some goes through Iran, which conducts a concerted but losing drive against traffickers who fight back with sophisticated weaponry, including shoulder-held Stinger missiles.

Ten miles outside Kandahar, Ahmed Gul is examining the poppy crop on his modest land holding. "We know that drugs are not allowed under Islam, but we are very poor," he says.

"Our land and people have been destroyed by years of war. Millions of Afghans have died or run away. For the time being we have to cultivate poppies." Ahmed Gul says he is sorry for the addicts in Europe and America. "One day we will stop this. There has to be another way. But we have to live."

An Afghan boy looks after his family's poppy crop. Although few in Afghanistan smoke opium, it is an important cash crop for peasant farmers. Growers will be paid about £100 for just over 2lb of raw opium after this year's harvest. "We have to live," said one farmer

Israeli military makes Holocaust Day attack on budget

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL yesterday marked the annual 24 hours of remembrance for the six million Jews who perished in the Nazi Holocaust amid warnings from senior military officials that the country is severely underequipped to face new threats from Syria and Iran.

As traffic and pedestrians across the nation halted for two minutes, heralded by the chilling wail of thousands of air raid sirens, the Tel Aviv daily *Maariv* quoted the military officials as claiming that the annual defence budget was one billion shekels (£200 million) short of what was needed to fight a new war. In a hard-hitting article, published hours after Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, had pledged that a strong Israel would always ensure that the atrocities perpetrated against the Jews in the Second World War would never recur, *Maariv* said: "In the security administration, it was emphasised that the current budget does not enable the Israel Defence Force to prepare properly for war."

The officials, understood to have been given permission to break their silence by Brigadier-General Amnon Shahak, the Chief of Staff, added: "Due to lack of budget, there are shortages and gaps in a range of areas including stock, gear, development, training of fighting soldiers and building future military capability." They added: "There is no doubt that there is a giant gap between what is needed and what exists. The gap is deepening in the current situation, in which Syria is preparing military options and Iran is constantly trying to arm itself with non-conventional weapons and long-range ground-to-ground missiles."

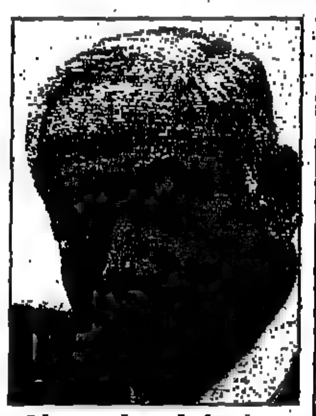
The disclosures hit home, coming hours after Mr Netanyahu had delivered the central speech of the Holocaust ceremonies. He vowed that "never again will Jewish children be helpless". Some 1.5 million were killed by the Nazis and their memory formed the theme of this year's memorials.

Military censorship prevented reference to Israel's known arsenal of at least 200 nuclear weapons, but one senior commentator hinted strongly that it would be a last resort to prevent any attempted Holocaust.

Yossi Lapid, a Holocaust survivor, added that Israel was the "only place in the world where Jews remain exposed to the threat of mass annihilation".

☐ **Death penalty:** Palestinians who sell land to Israelis will receive the death penalty, Freih Abu Medein, the Palestinian Justice Minister, said yesterday (*Our Foreign Staff writes*).

In another development, an Israeli army bulldozer demolished four illegally built Palestinian houses and a shed near the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba, outside Hebron, leaving 28 Palestinians homeless.



Netanyahu: pledged to defend Jewish children

The captains' fists are flying at 11,000ft

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TWO Turkish pilots undid their seatbelts and fought in the cockpit after falling out over what height they should be flying at. An autopilot maintained the jet, carrying 240 passengers, at 11,000ft.

The clash occurred when Captain Altan Tezcan misunderstood altitude instructions from the control tower 45 minutes after the Airbus 340 took off from Bangkok. As the passengers settled down, Captain Erdogan Gecim asked him: "Are you deaf? He is telling you something and you are doing something completely different."

The rest of the flight crew had to intervene to restore order and a third, more junior pilot completed the flight to Istanbul.

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Defender of the chef's Maginot line

In part two of our series on slimmers, the restaurateur **Nico Ladenis** gives his opinions on those customers who say they are on a diet

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Nico Ladenis: "No one would go into a Rolls-Royce showroom and ask to buy a Ford Mondeo, so why should a chef expect this sort of behaviour from his customers?"

Imagine getting really excited about something you have created. You have spent time and energy, researching and working to perfect it. Then you finally present it to another person and they say "This is all very nice — but I want something different".

That is how I feel about customers who bring their diets into my restaurant. By definition, a diet is personal and should not be imposed on anyone else.

Food should be a celebration of all senses — sight and smell as well as taste. If customers wish to lose weight, they should choose light dishes that are already on the menu. That way, they will not compromise the hours of hard work and devotion my chefs put into preparing food, and will not miss out on wonderful ingredients that may not necessarily be unhealthy.

Restaurants like Chez Nico, which are at the very top, have got there because of a certain standard in cuisine. Menus have been perfected over a number of years, and by a highly skilled team of chefs. Thus, I just cannot comprehend a customer who says "I know you have put years of talent and expertise into this sauce, but I do not want it with my meal". It would be like buying a Lacroix and asking for the straps to be taken off.

On a more serious matter, I believe that once a chef begins to accommodate special requests outside his menu, he may find himself compromising his standards. All restaurants awarded with Michelin stars have been scrutinised by connoisseurs. The stars stand for continual improvement and perfection of one's menu.

> 'I don't know what a salad is — we don't do salads'

If I diversify to please an individual order, I risk losing a star. For example, a frequent request in the restaurant is for meat dishes without sauce. I never, never compromise on this. In the Michelin style, a good brown sauce is an accurate indication of the standard of a restaurant and of who the chef is. If I do not create the right sauces, I belong to a different category of restaurant. No one would go into a Rolls-Royce showroom and ask to buy a Ford Mondeo, so why should a chef expect this from his customers?

The same principle can be applied to salads. Sometimes I get a table of four very prim, very skinny and elegant American ladies. Regardless of the menu, they will order four salads. I answer that I don't know what a salad is — we don't do salads. What they mean is a bowl of fancy leaves. I do use certain leaves to garnish particular dishes, but I would never put them in a salad. To me, a salad is a dish of cucumbers, olives, beans, tomatoes and olive oil, eaten in cafés by the Mediterranean.

Nowadays, my position means that I do not often have to deal with these requests myself. My maitre d' and waiters have to take the flak instead. At Chez Nico, we keep a list of all the ridiculous and bizarre requests customers have made. It takes pride of place.

Once an American woman said: "I am a vegetarian, I don't eat pasta, I don't eat rice, I don't eat bread, I don't eat fish and I don't eat vegetables. Can you cook something for me?" Another said: "I only eat fish, have you got any fish that doesn't taste of fish?"

An amusing request, which I experienced personally, was a table asking for a chocolate marquise without the Armagnac. I said: "How can you expect me to take a fundamental ingredient out of a dish that was made yesterday and is now sitting ready to be sliced on to a plate?" Sometimes I wonder if my customers take me for an idiot.

Admittedly, my menus have changed over the years, and at 63, I am conscious of maintaining my health. I do not eat as much red meat as I used to, instead I eat more fish. Naturally, I will take my customers in a similar direction. But I will not yield to the whims of any health fad or diet.

Restaurants are like the Maginot line — fortified and well-guarded. The enemy says: "I know you are strong and well defended, but just let me advance five or ten yards." If you agree, before long everything will collapse. I say defend, defend and do not make allowances. Customers know who you are and what your food stands for. If they do not like the menu, they should go somewhere else.

● *Nico Ladenis was talking to Bridget Harrison*

Dustin Hoffman made his own omelette

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Alastair Little: "If you are coming to my restaurant, leave your diet at home"

Customer requests can be very disruptive. One lunch-time, they brought the kitchen to a standstill with 14 variations of a salad, says **Alastair Little**

Almost without exception, diets are an absolute pain for restaurants. I can understand someone who wants to lose weight. The soundest advice I would give is eat, or drink less. But I cannot understand the concept of going to a restaurant and *paying* not to eat. It turns the whole purpose of a restaurant on its head.

So many diets today are founded in ridiculous faddism. They fly in the face of good food, are a nightmare for chefs, and in some cases seem positively harmful.

A few weeks ago, Dustin Hoffman went into Kensington Place, where my flatmate Rowley Leigh is head chef, and ordered an egg white omelette. On hearing the order, Rowley said he just could not bear to make it. So the waitress told Dustin that the chef was having trouble with his request. Moments later, Dustin appeared in the kitchen saying: "I understand you are having problems with the concept of my order — let me help out." No doubt some dietician in Los Angeles has decreed that this is what you should eat and is making millions of dollars with a new bestseller. The result must have tasted like fried savoury meringue.

Often people seem to forget that chefs go to a great deal of trouble to prepare their food. Thought, skill and ego go into menus. In good restaurants there will be five or six — or in some cases 20 — guys and girls slaving away in the kitchen. It is simply soul-destroying when people take one look at the menu and say they cannot eat this and they cannot eat that because they are on a diet.

The most common antic of a dieter is to order a dish and not touch it, or ask for particular specifications — a salad with no dressing, the meat with no sauce, or, like Dustin Hoffman, demand something that isn't even on the menu. We try to accommodate all requests within reason.

My dishes fall into two categories — those that can be cooked instantaneously, so variations are quite easy, and those that have been prepared earlier in which the ingredients are already included. I have been asked to serve a boeuf bourguignon without the red wine, or the beef. This is asking for the impossible.

Salads are easier. I like to serve mine dressed, but within reason I'll adapt dressings, or leave them out altogether. I used to object violently when customers asked for meat with sauce on the side. I would place the meat at one end of the plate and the sauce at the other. Now I send the sauce in a pot to see if they will be able to resist it.

Working to customers' specifications can be very disruptive. When I worked at 192, I developed a seasonal salad for customers who did not want a heavy meal at lunch-time. On one occasion, the salad consisted of French beans, avocado and bacon in a big bowl of leaves. Somehow, the customers managed to order 14 different variations on this — "hold the beans, no dressing", "with beans but no avocado", "dressing but no beans or avocado". They brought the kitchen to a standstill. Since then, I have put my foot down. If customers want variations, requests should be simple.

Over the past five years, vegetarianism has been the biggest trend. I tried to resist adapting menus because I love meat. I argued that there were lots of starters and tasty vegetables, without having to put on a non-meat main course. Nowadays most of our menus offer a good choice for vegetarians.

If I can take meat out of a dish without vastly compromising it I will. What angers me are vegetarians who are looking for meat substitutes, and expect something by Linda McCartney. Minced Quorn is a classic example. To me, it looks like high-class cat litter.

Another big dieting fad is fat-free, which I find horrifying. I use gallons of olive oil a week, which, luckily, is now considered to be healthy. Meat without fat is an abomination. We don't mind cutting the fat off afterwards, but meat needs to be cooked in fat to taste any good.

Low salt is a frequent request. We now underseason most dishes, and then finish up to individual requirements. Genuine medical needs are bound up with these trends, but I wonder how many are based on institutionalised faddism.

I do sympathise with customers who try to avoid eating a huge meal at lunch-time, so I do an optional set menu of two starters and a coffee, which is terribly popular. But evenings are a completely different matter. If you are going to trek into Soho, then you are coming for a meal and an occasion. If you are not going to eat, why go out to dinner?

Food is sensual and a pleasure — it is the most fun you can have with your clothes on. If you are coming to my restaurant, have everything you really want, feel deliciously guilty about it — and leave your diet at home.

● *Alastair Little was talking to Bridget Harrison*

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David Hockney in his London studio, where Roy Strong went for lunch. "Original is the only word one could ever apply to him," Strong says. "I couldn't help loving him and admiring his quick logic and unique perception"

I taste the delights of another world

THE ROY STRONG DIARIES 1967-1987

Day Two of our series: partying through the Sixties and Seventies

1967
I was made Director of the National Portrait Gallery and suddenly I was thrown into a whole new world. This was the period when Lady Antonia Fraser was making her mark as a writer and also as a hostess, presiding over gatherings at her house in Campden Hill Square. Her gatherings followed the accepted pattern, beginning with a dinner, after which a second tide of guests arrived. It was difficult to get to bed much before 1am and it is hardly surprising that a recurring theme in my diary for this year is one recording tiredness and exhaustion. Other key exponents of this kind of entertainment were George Weidenfeld and Ann Fleming. All were sooner or later to recruit me to their ranks. One was at full pelt.

Lunch parties even then seemed to belong to another age. They betokened arriving at 12.45pm and not leaving until nearly three. They epitomised leisure, an elegance and an intimacy. Usually they were of about eight or two tables of eight, rarely more. Cecil [Beaton] always gave lunches. They were in impeccable taste. I went to many but the most memorable occurred this year on April 10 when I was bidden to meet the Queen Mother.

"The Queen Mother always meets the same old boring people," Cecil drawled down the telephone, "so I'm asking you." My record of it is deficient but I recall the actress Irene Worth extolling the virtues of Fortuny dresses, which she always wore for solo perfomances, and Diana Cooper arriving with a tiny dog which she deposited on her lap during lunch. I remember Cecil cursing Edith Sitwell, who had been a guest the last time the Queen Mother had come, and whose arrival had been heralded by an ambulance, a gangplank and male nurse outriders gliding her wheelchair to rest. Looking back I was an innocent, learning the ropes of a scene in which one either sank or swam. I swam.

Before I left for London Cecil, chortling a line or two of *We'll Gather Lilacs*, took his secateurs and strolled round the garden piling my arms high with huge branches of lilac. I sat in the train engulfed in its fragrance, a happy man. I had glimpsed another world and had drunk deep of its delights.

January 29, 1969
David Hockney's studio is one of those late-Victorian stucco terraces in Notting Hill Gate, with a vast columned portico and every sign that gentility had long since fled. I climbed up a squalid staircase-well to be met by David. Original is the only word one could ever apply to him, with his bleached blond hair and owl spectacles. But I couldn't help loving him and admiring his quick logic and unique perception.

He's rather large and square, getting fat in fact, and somehow terribly conscious of it. The whole time I was there he kept on feeling beneath his shirt as though checking up on the expansion of the wodges. We sat down in his kitchen, together with his slim blond American boyfriend Peter Schlesinger, and lunched off consommé, toast and pâté washed down with red wine. After it we went into the studio.

I don't think that I'd ever before encountered anyone so overtly homosexual. Against one wall rested two blown-up photographs of Peter, one in bikini underpants, the other in jeans with his flies undone. All over the floor were scattered magazines with male nudes.

David picked one up and complained how it had been seized by the Customs and then returned. On its cover was stamped "Nudes — semi-erect". He agreed to draw Fred Ashton for me. The phone rang. It was a Spanish waiter who wanted to come round and strip for him to draw. The time had come to leave.

March 31, 1969
I went with Hugh Leggatt, the donor, to Annigoni's studio at 56 Edwardes Square. There, on the easel, sat his pastel and tempera head-and-shoulders of the Queen looking extremely serious, in concept simple and monumental. But the excitement came when he showed us a series of suggested compositional sketches, one of which I dived at. Against a huge, overcast sky, the Queen arose like a vision in a red cloak, lonely, majestic, timeless, formidable, the crown embodied.

December 8, 1969
Saw Annigoni again at the Palace. The portrait is almost finished. For a moment it looked dull and then Hugh uttered the word, "varnish". Annigoni seized a wide brush and dipped it in the water of a flower vase and applied it to the picture as we shrieked "Marvellous."

A Spanish waiter wanted to come and strip for Hockney — it was time for me to leave

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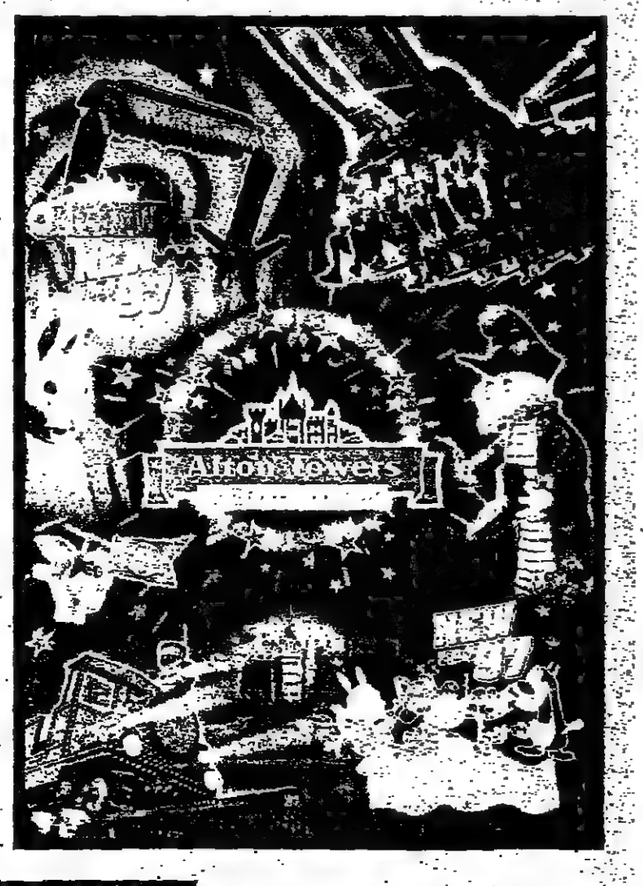

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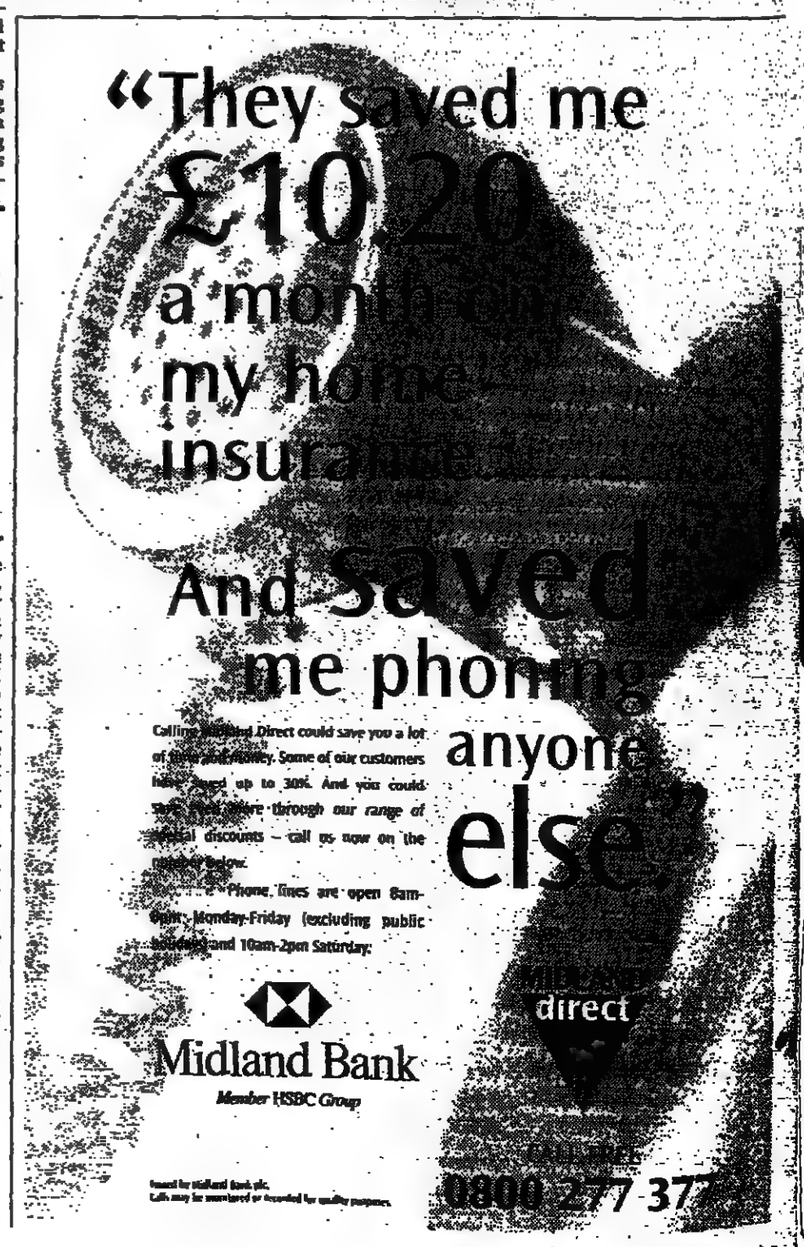

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Jackie Onassis is in her early forties — she has the hands of an old woman

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George Weidenfeld is larger-than-life and sees a book in everyone he claps eyes on

Cecil piled my arms high with huge branches of lilac. I was a happy man

January 6, 1970
The Field of Cloth of Gold Ball was the event of the winter season. Lady Antonia Fraser presided as the Queen of the Field. The evening started with a buffet at her house in Campden Hill Square whither the costumed assembled. I had exploited my new-found friendship with the opera at the Coliseum and went dressed as a Regency antiquarian carrying a large folder with a label on its outside reading: *An Exact Inquiry Concerning the Antiquities of the Field of Cloth of Gold. That soon proved to be a sorry* burden. But the green velvet jacket with gold frogging, satin knee breeches, and black stockings looked fetching enough.

This indeed was an odd assemblage. Antonia had decided to don a headdress of golden rays as some kind of *Reine Soleil* but she resembled *rather the Statue of* Liberty. Her costume was vaguely medieval in orange and gold with trailing sleeves and a mass of brilliant orange ostrich-feather trimmings. The satirist John Wells was loping around as Richard III with a cushion stuffed up his back, Teresa Gatacre had raided the tableau of the Princes in the Tower at Tussaud's and came as one of the luckless victims, while Hardy Amies arrived as Richard of Bordeaux, oblivious to the fact that the king would have been long dead by his age.

After much mutual admiration we all set off in convoys for King Street, where the Great Rooms had been dressed overall by David Milnaric, huge sixteenth-century tapestries swagged along the walls which, *much to my* surprise, had been lent by John Lewis. So it all raved on amidst the gloom but the prize of the evening must go to the wicked David Carritt. There he stood engulfed in artificial grass with two plastic bumblebees pinned as nipples. When I asked him what he was he replied: "The Field."

February 25, 1970
The day of the unveiling of the Annigoni portrait of the Queen at last came. It began very simply with me arriving early to check that everything was in order. Nothing, however, had quite prepared me for the screaming mob of journalists that fell through the Gallery doors when they were opened. For an hour it was nothing but cameras flashing. Annigoni was a positive saint as he posed for them, even agreeing to stand on a chair by the picture and frankly looking somewhat idiotic.

Lord Kenyon and I met the Queen and escorted her amidst a barrage of flashing camera lights, up to her own portrait. The newsreel cameras whirred while she stood and looked at herself, commenting on how varnishing had improved the picture and then she said: "It looks very different with a frame." A masterpiece of evasion.

June 16, 1970
Diana Cooper is one of the few originals that I have ever met. Somehow she has a timeless magic which cuts across the generations and makes differences in age irrelevant. I'd put her high on my list of the least snobbish people I have ever met. She was making one of her specials when I arrived, that lethal mix of vodka, grapefruit juice and mint of which I have learned to beware. Before I could say anything she grabbed me by the arm saying: "Such a disaster. At 12.30pm I went to check that everything was in order and found that the cook was coming tomorrow and," she added with a grimace, "such a distinguished luncheon party." Just how distinguished was shortly to emerge as the guests assembled.

The result of this catastrophe was that the party ended up in the Maida Vale Steakhouse. The manager was taken aback by this invasion headed by Diana and Harold Macmillan, or "Horse" as she calls him, bent double over a stick, deaf and complaining of a cataract. The manager said that he was used to having all the pop stars but not the politicians. So there we were, an ex-Prime Minister, a marquess and marchioness (Salisbury wearing a straw hat engulfed in white net), an ex-American ambassador, myself and Diana Phipps, who had just bought a foot (sic) by Rubens in the Portobello Road for £25. By the evening news of this bizarre gathering had reached the *Evening Standard*. What it showed was that Diana was unsinkable.

June 30, 1970
The most brilliant event of the season must have been the

Antonia Fraser looked like the Statue of Liberty

ball at Windsor in Ascot week to celebrate the Queen Mother's, Lord Mountbatten's and the Duke of Gloucester's seventieth birthdays. Ted Heath [the Prime Minister], after saying that he was definitely not going, did, and made a triumphal entry, I was told, kissed by the duchesses. The fête, given at Kelvedon by the Channons, came next, to which I drove across country with Julia Trevelyan Oman from Glyndebourne.

A great pavilion had been built on to the back of the *house with polythene* windows, a massive use of glistening tinfoil, white balloons and psychedelic lighting effects. One's ears were obliterated by the pop music. Inside the house was banked with sweet-smelling white lilies.

Seven hundred and fifty guests gobbled salad, strawberries and cream, danced, talked and strolled from 10.30pm until dawn. Just about everyone was there.

March 2, 1971
Elizabeth Longford asked me to a small drinks party for Prince Charles. There were about a dozen of us. Antonia was there, pretty beyond belief, with Frank Longford, Martin and Gay Charteris, the odd deb girl and the writer Marina Warner in appliqué hot-pants beneath a coat which went down to her ankles. All Marina could think of was that HRH was 22 and had he been to bed with anyone? He's a pleasant young man, earnest, with a boyish grin and a non-sophisticated sense of humour, prankish, thoughtful, kind and shy. I couldn't help being impressed by his sheer "niceness".

March 24, 1971. Buckingham Palace en fête
This was the day of the great fête at Buckingham Palace arranged by Patrick Plunket, a party of a new kind bringing into the royal orbit all sorts and conditions of people they never usually bothered about. The royals were there in force and we were received by the Queen, Charles and Anne, Princess Margaret and Tony, Princess Alexandra and the Queen Mother. The latter, sweet as always, was in her inevitable tiara and Hartnell crinoline, one of white net sprinkled with sequins which, however, had seen better days. Princess Alexandra hauled me off to see the Canaletto drawings. Patrick Plunket in black velvet was preening himself on the success of it all, the whole event based on what the Spanish and French embassies did. Not before time it replaced the cocktail party, and what was clear was that everybody likes an excuse to dress up.

New Year's Day, 1972
Harold Acton's villa, La Pietra, has a number, 120, and is on the Via Bolognese as one leaves Florence. I felt as though I was walking into a setting from a novel by Henry James, or perhaps Edith Wharton. There were vast rooms whose walls were painted a grubby cream stuffed with Italian primitives, chairs of faded, ragged velvet, mottled mirrors, pieces of classical sculpture and dusty curtains swagged back and secured by gargantuan tassels. And, of course, every other thing was gilt. All right, one had to admit that it was a little run-down, but it was definitely grand.

The dining room must be unique for being hung seemingly entirely with "Last Suppers". *Lunch consisted of a* risotto of *rognoncini*, turkey with artichokes and soggy sprouts, salad and cream cheese, followed by a vast chocolate soufflé.

The conversation was louche and flowed thick and fast, thriving on gossip and scandal. It began with a story about Mrs Keppel, Edward VII's mistress, arriving for lunch somewhere in Italy, demanding gin and, finding there was none, sending her chauffeur to buy it. From there it moved on to Violet Trefusis; no, she had not been the King's mistress, but she had had a tumble with him on the sofa. Wallis Simpson, she said, owed her hold over the Duke of Windsor to the fact that she had learned the "Chinese clutch" in Shanghai. Notice the way, she used to say, that he couldn't keep his eyes off her, reducing himself to the level of ventriloquist's dummy. And so it ran on.

June 26, 1972
"Who could do it, even in the eighteenth century?" Jack Plumb remarked to me as 60 people sat down to dinner at Cleve Lodge, George and Sandra Weidenfeld being seemingly together again for a brief period. These occasions always begin in the hall with drinks, move on into the dining room and thence to the library. The decor of the place cannot be described as anything other than expensive but impersonal, except for the library which reflects George's genuine interest in his subject. He's an extraordinary, larger-than-life man, with a brilliant intellect, seeing a book in practically everyone he claps eyes on. I had the misfortune to be placed next to Mrs Peter Quennell, who spent most of the dinner denouncing everyone else at the table and screaming about the ceiling spotlight which fell upon her.

August 9, 1972
Lunch at the Café Royal with the Wrightsmans and Jackie Kennedy Onassis. She's in her early forties with a cute, slightly lined. Sixties face, dipped hair and the hands of an old woman, the flesh withered with enormous knuckles, today covered with sticking-plaster. Nervous, with eyes popping, she moved with almost teenage animation. The impression was of an intelligent, rich woman, bored with life marooned on a Greek island, envious of the Wrightsmans' London lifestyle and longing for New York. In conversation, she was a receiver rather than a giver.

January 30, 1973
We were bidden to dinner with Olive and Denis Hamilton given in honour of Harold Macmillan and turned out to be the only other guests. I suppose it was important and fascinating to meet the former prime minister, but I think that I would have to place him as one of the rudest men that I have ever met. He looks exactly like his own cartoons. Now about 80 I would have thought, he's a bit geriatric with a runny nose, and his speech is a stream of consciousness interspersed with occasional lucid flashes. I was swatted down regularly if I ever attempted to open my mouth, never allowed to contribute one thing to the conversation, and if I even began a sentence he interrupted it. He was caricature arch-reactionary, enough to make me want to vote communist.

March 28, 1973
Alfred Hecht is a very superior framer who lives over his shop in the King's Road. This was an extremely wearing evening, a non-stop flow of hard intellect and hard talk, and a contrary assemblage of guests. To my left sat Jennie Lee, her white hair immaculate, wearing an oatmeal-coloured trouser suit with a blouse in a perfectly dreadful shade of turquoise, and with quite a lot of make-up on when you looked closely.

Then there was Michael Foot and his wife. God, what doctrinaire socialists! After dinner the two of them were unleashed. They harangued us, he raising his voice as though addressing a revolutionary mob. Poor Nin Ryan, the benign American millionairess, one sensed her shudder. And then, mercifully, there was Arnold Goodman.

Lord Goodman is huge, loving and logical. He is a fascinating character, contained, infinitely human and infinitely devious. He never contradicts himself and one can't help being struck by the utter uniqueness of the person, a jovial mound with huge hands, endlessly fondling and taking on and off his half-moon glasses. He never raises his voice and there is always a twinkle in his eye. He never either abuses anyone or loses his sense of humour. There was a furious, breathless row about the arts, the Foots on the old socialist theme of suppressed talent through lack of opportunity. They believed that there were thousands of undiscovered artists, poets and writers. There had been, Arnold argued, an explosion of interest and appreciation of the arts but what was striking about it was the fact that it hadn't produced this galaxy of new talent. Where, he asked, were all these new composers and painters and writers?

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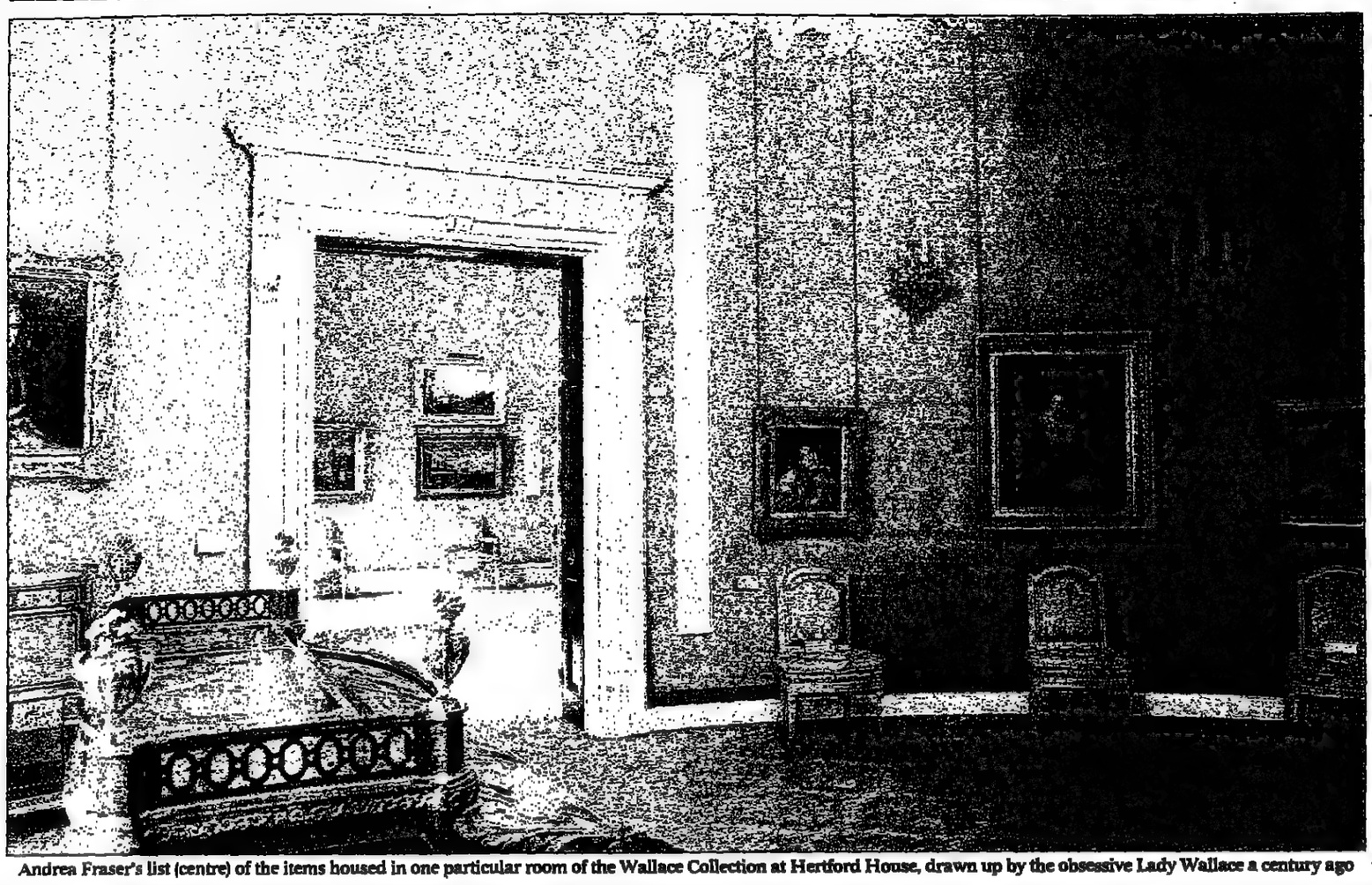

Andrea Fraser's list (centre) of the items housed in one particular room of the Wallace Collection at Hertford House, drawn up by the obsessive Lady Wallace a century ago

Heirlooms of the dogged

VISUAL ART: **Richard Cork** joins the Photographers' Gallery's London-wide celebration of the collector's eccentric passion

The mania for collecting knows no limits. Nothing, it seems, is too banal, ephemeral or just plain tacky to escape the devouring, dedicated hoarder. And the Photographers' Gallery has hit on an enterprising way of examining the addiction. Its new show invades an extraordinary variety of object-hungry premises all over central London, from the august dignity of the British Museum and the Wallace Collection to brash, consumerist temples such as Habitat and Selfridges.

The weirdness begins at the gallery's own premises, where curator Neil Cummings has assembled a heady array of obsessives. Ming de Nasty and Mo Wilson show large colour portraits of local collectors in the Walsall area. They look sane enough, but the images surrounding them betray the full, bizarre extent of their compulsive desires.

One young woman seems about to be engulfed in an avalanche of Marilyn Monroe pictures, laughing, pouting and blowing Hollywood kisses from every inch of the claustrophobic room around her. The contrast between the apparent normality of the collectors and the blatant eccentricity of their devotion is often unsettling in itself. So is the calm, methodical way Jim Sillavan goes about amassing his slide collection. Hundreds of back-lit images testify to his tireless resolve, photographing car tyres, urinals, washing machines and even cinema seats like an overzealous detective.

Taking the show beyond the gallery and into institutions already bursting with possessions of their own is a risky tactic. The artist's intervention may be overwhelmed by the exhibits already displayed there, and at the Hunterian Museum the danger is all too clear. The bones, foetuses and other macabre specimens gathered by the 18th-century surgeon John Hunter are mesmerising enough to distract us from Susan Hiller's showcase. But her collection of pictures, supposedly made by an eccentric Londoner called Alfie West, adds up to an outlandish ensemble.

For all his dottiness, West was committed to as much surgical precision as Hunter as he spent his spare time cutting and splicing human hair. One leaf-like offering is, according to a proud inscription in childish writing, a single tendril "split into 18 parts". Flanked by Hunterian bric-à-brac on one side, and the Tooth Museum on the other, Hiller's findings blend in only too well with their spooky location.

Over at the Wallace Collection, though, Andrea Fraser's work is utterly at variance with the sensuous profusion of Bouchers, Fragonards and Watteaus. She has uncovered an exhaustive inventory of Hertford House's contents drawn up by Lady Wallace in 1890. Amelie-Julie-Charlotte Wallace was a redoubtable woman. She ensured that everything, including the "mahogany towel horse" in the one-time billiards room, was itemised with curatorial care.

Fraser has printed out the lists and displayed each of them in its appropriate room. They show how domestic the house was before its transformation, in 1897, into a public museum. The resplendent gallery where Bonington and Delacroix canvases now hang was once the housekeeper's room, and Lady Wallace even insisted that its "two pieces of linoleum" appeared on the list.

Fraser plays an archaeological role, peeling back the layers of history and disclosing how a great collection developed. She also says something about the diligence of a wealthy woman determined to hold on to all her possessions, however insignificant they may now appear.

After a while, though, the lists fall foul of the law of diminishing returns. They make similar points over and over again, like the showcase Fred Wilson has installed in the British Museum's Egyptian gallery. The dusty plinths, boxes and labels retrieved from storage once played an important part in determining how the exhibits were understood by visitors. But Wilson overplays his hand by assembling too many of these melancholy remains.

Mercifully, Richard Wentworth has made a far more stimulating intervention in the same collection. Beyond the granite sarcophagus of Nesisut from the 27th Dynasty, he has installed shelves where Egyptian drinking vessels are juxtaposed with cans and bottles scavenged in the streets around the British Museum. The result is eye-opening. Seen in the context of Coke, Fanta and other, more alcoholic tipples of today, the ancient beakers suddenly become more approachable. We realise that the Egyptians liked boozing as much as we do, and Wentworth points to a 19th Dynasty papyrus where the writer warns: "Beer robs you of all human respect, it affects your mind, and here you are like a broken rudder, good for nothing."

In the basement café at Habitat, the Belgian artist Guillaume Bijl has constructed a five-part glass showcase. In every curtained chamber, a chair is displayed on a plinth. According to the labels beneath, each belonged to a celebrity, and each appears to reflect the character of its purported owner. Oscar Wilde's chair has a tasteful, pale green seat and shamelessly ornamental lattice back, whereas Emmeline Pankhurst's looks as austere as Shaker furniture and excruciating to sit on.

The truth is, however, that they all come from the same theatrical store. By faking their ownership, Bijl gently mocks the way we venerate even the most dubious historical relics. Cultural tourism is his real target, and his subversive maneouvres end up making us laugh at the pretensions of everything else on view in Habitat.

Finally, at Selfridges, Neil Cummings and Marysia Lewandowska have produced a specially commissioned guide called *Browse*, inviting us to think about the correspondences between the British Museum and the largest building ever designed as a single shop.

What the two places share, say the artists, are "encyclopaedic ambitions and complex layout", deployed on the grand scale to "structure our dreams and deepest desires". In order to back up their argument, the brochure carries a deliberately teasing set of illustrations. A four-way locking, silent-action cat flap (unknown provenance, c.1995) is placed alongside a sacred bronze cat (Egypt, after 600 BC). And a Premier League collection of "votive figures" (China, c.1996-97) is shown near a row of mummiform tomb figures (c. New Kingdom).

The principal difference between them, of course, centres on their availability and quality. The original British Museum pieces are not for sale, and they are far more aesthetically impressive than the Selfridges wares. All the same, browsing is an activity increasingly fostered in both types of building, and the dramatic recent growth of the gallery shop ensures that collectors can acquire replicas of even the rarest and most expensive masterpieces.

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Young dreams of a celluloid hero

Korngold Centenary
Queen Elizabeth Hall

THE recent renewal of interest in Erich Wolfgang Korngold's music has come just in time for the centenary of his birth. Soon the composer's devotees will also be celebrating the centenary of his first works, for Korngold was a musical *wunderkind* almost as astonishing as Mozart. But it was just as well that the first of the Korngold anniversary concerts, under the auspices of the Anglo-Austrian Music Society, focused largely on his early music. Although he became a brilliant, Academy Award-winning film composer, his promise was never really fulfilled.

This programme included only one of the late works, the song *Sonnet for Vienna*, a schmaltzy hymn of tribute to the war-damaged city of Korngold's youth, in which the influence of Hollywood is all too apparent. But if the old jibe about "more corn than gold" applies here, gold is certainly to be found in some of the teenage genius's songs. The sophisticated *Schneeglöckchen* has an extraordinary bittersweet quality, *Nachtwanderer* is strangely unsettling, and the *Liebesbriefchen* is a beautiful outpouring of emotion. The later three songs from Op 18 are characterised by a floating non-tonality, and the modal-sounding *Four Shakespearean Songs* (Op 31), heard here in public for the first time since 1941, are affecting in their simplicity.

All received idiomatic performances from Jacqueline Miura, an alert Lieder singer possessed of a glowing mezzo, and the pianist Philip White.

White was also the moving force behind the first London performance of Korngold's one-act opera *Der Ring des Polykrates* (1916), given in concert with piano accompaniment. It needed an orchestra: Korngold was a deft orchestrator, and instrumental colour was what this under-characterised music lacked, even though White handled the taxing piano reduction well.

With its waltz-imbued score and 18th-century Viennese setting, *Polykrates* was written, like much of Korngold's early music, under the spell of *Der Rosenkavalier*. But the plot is third-rate bourgeois domestic comedy, and the performers did well to make it appear only second-rate.

Malmfrid Sand, Ivan Sharpe and Gavin Taylor all had their moments, the tenor Dietmar Kelz stood out for his beefy portrayal of Wilhelm Arndt the Hofkapellmeister, and Lorna Rushton displayed soubrettish sparkle as the maid Lieschen.

JOHN ALLISON

A guide to the best available recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3

MICHAEL KENNEDY'S TOP TEN

My choice of favourite recordings was governed by their influence on the development of my taste and because the performances still seem unsurpassed.

To start with, my youthful excitement in discovering Beethoven is epitomised in the *Archduke Trio* performed in 1928 by Cortot, Thibaud and Casals (EMI CDH 7 61024-2, £10.49).

The 1932 recording of Elgar's Violin Concerto is chosen not so much for the 16-year-old Yehudi Menuhin's playing, but for Elgar's poetic conducting of the LSO. (EMI CDC 5 55221-2, £15.99).

Ralph Vaughan Williams conducting his Fourth Symphony with the BBC Symphony Orchestra in 1937 is a performance of astonishing vitality and drama (Dutton CDAX 8011, £10.49).

I have never forgotten hearing Ginette Neveu's intense performance of Sibelius's Violin Concerto a few days before she died in 1949. She recorded it with the Philharmonia Orchestra conducted by Walter Susskind in 1945 (EMI CDH 7 61011-2, £10.49).

A lifelong love of Richard Strauss was kindled by extracts from *Der Rosenkavalier* recorded in Vienna in 1933 by Lotte Lehmann, Maria Olczewska, Elisabeth Schumann and Richard Mayr, with the Vienna Philharmonic conducted by Robert Heger (Pearl GEMM CDS 9365, £22.49).

This leads me to the performance of Strauss's *Ariadne auf Naxos* in Vienna on the composer's 80th birthday in 1944. Irmgard Seefried is incandescent as the Composer, Maria Reining a radiant Ariadne. Karl Böhm conducts (Preiser 90217, £14.49).

I cannot imagine any record collection without Wilhelm Furtwängler conducting the Philharmonia in *Tristan und Isolde*, with Kirsten Flagstad and Ludwig Suthaus (EMI CDS 7 47322-8, £61.99).

Also a must is Bruno Walter's 1952 recording of Mahler's *Das Lied von der Erde*, with Kathleen Ferrier and Julius Patzak. Ferrier, already a dying woman, was transfigured by the music (Decca 414 194-2, £15.49).

Sir John Barbirolli's 1966 Rome recording of Puccini's *Madam Butterfly* with Renata Scotto and Carlo Bergonzi has insights which I find nowhere else. Scotto responds with one of the finest Puccini performances on disc (EMI CMS 7 69654-2, £19.99).

Finally, Karajan's 1956 recording of Verdi's *Falstaff* has lightness of touch and precision of ensemble (EMI CDS 7 49668-2, £31.99).

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AROUND THE LONDON GALLERIES

☐ IN 1995 **Francisco Clemente** set himself, like a prophet in the wilderness, to spend 51 days on Mount Abu in north-west India. He painted a large watercolour each day, and this extended set is now on display at Anthony D'Offay. But the style, which mixes his earlier expressive painting with a long fascination for the tense, finely tuned detail of the Indian miniature, sits somehow strangely in such a loose and fluid medium. Often the structure, or point, of the picture seems to "wobble" and be about to collapse.

Anthony D'Offay Gallery Dering Street, London W1 (0171-499 4100) until May 31

☐ THE speedy jump from obscurity to fame does not seem to have harmed **Gillian Wearing's** work. It seems a pity, however, to show her so soon again. The Chisenhale Gallery may insist that this is the first solo show in a public gallery, but familiarity can only undermine an excellent piece. The huge single screen shows a series of short films which, with greater sophistication and simplicity, still carry the Wearing atmosphere like a smelly, damp blanket. It is upsetting and effective to see and hear an apparently innocent adolescent or child's thought coming out of the synchronised lips of an adult. But disgust turns to wonder at this voyeuristic quality. A boy speaks through a grown man of his special tree house; a little girl's voice comes through an adult woman's mouth to tell of her own relationship with her mother.

Chisenhale Gallery, 64 Chisenhale Road, London E3 (0181-981 4518) until June 1

☐ THERE are two conflicting tiers to the understanding and enjoyment of **Keith Tyson's** work. On entering the gallery, the first impression is of a mass of images, grilles, grids, painting trays and plays between two and three dimensions. Later, this gives way to talk of an "art machine" and complicated labelling "clusters" of circular paintings linked by a drawn diagrammatic network. To the left of the door move on down the stairs in a spreading rash of painted, stuck, splattered and sprayed images. It is not great to discover that, somewhat like a kitchen sink Clemente, Tyson has painted one of these on a wooden breadboard each day, probably asking "What shall I do today?" in a bid to deliver non-meaning in the process. A painting on the far end wall, an enormous mock Picasso of a boggle-eyed artist in an extended cartoon frame, provides a hallucinatory dream, a picture within a picture.

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Prague springs a surprise

ALAN WELLER

United notion: Jan Sverak, Eric Abraham and Zdenek Sverak, the two Czechs and a Briton who made *Kolya*

The award of this year's Best Foreign Film Oscar to the Czech film *Kolya* was a substantial achievement on a number of fronts. It was the first Academy Award for the young Czech Republic, and the first to the Czech people for nearly 30 years, since Jiri Menzel's *Closely Observed Trains*. It also made its young director, Jan Sverak, the best-known Czech film-maker since Menzel, Forman and Passer in the 1960s. And, curiously, it marked the first time that the best foreign film award had gone to a film with an English-speaking producer: Eric Abraham.

He and Sverak met when they both served on the jury of the 1992 Karlovy Vary film festival in Czechoslovakia. "*Kolya* started as a couple of pages of outline which Jan sent me in 1994-95," Abraham says. "I was involved from the very early stages, right through the scripting. We wanted to keep it free of the compromises that seem to dog international co-productions, make it intelligible to an audience outside the Czech Republic without being patronising to the Czechs themselves. I acted as the 'foreign barometer'."

The story deals with an irresponsible middle-aged bachelor who becomes the reluctant "adoptive" father of a five-year-old Russian boy, and takes place during the year leading up to the Velvet Revolution of 1989. When he came to shoot the film, Sverak found he was effectively making a period piece. Since the return of capitalism much has changed in Prague: the cars on the streets; the buildings, now freshly painted and adorned with advertising; even the design of a carton of milk.

"There's no difference if you are shooting Prague before the revolution six years ago or if you are trying to create Prague during the Middle Ages," Sverak says. "It is effectively an historical movie."

The screenplay was written by Sverak's father, Zdenek, who also plays the leading role. His co-star is a little boy called Andrej Chalimon, found after an extensive hunt through Moscow kindergartens. Like his character, he speaks only Russian. "I wanted to cast a real Russian boy," Sverak Jr says, "because you can see that he's confused and lost; he has no idea what Papa is talking about when he's talking to him in Czech."

Like most Czechs, the Sveraks also speak Russian, which they learnt under the occupation. But the boy had never acted before, and when filming began he just sat in the middle of the set, grinning at the camera. It was up to Sverak Sr to teach him the tricks of the trade. "I told him: 'Imagine that you are alone in this strange city without friends and without parents', and I saw in his eyes that he really imagined this and he was excellent. After shooting I shook his small hand and told him, 'You are an actor now'."

This is the third film on which the Sveraks have collaborated. Sverak Sr wrote and appeared in *Elementary School*, for which his son received an Oscar nomination, and was co-writer of *Accumulator I*. "They are best friends," Abraham says. "They have the kind of relationship we would all have liked to have had with our fathers."

The film has broken box office records in its own country, where it has done twice as much business as its nearest rival, *Independence Day*. Since opening in America in January it has grossed more than $4 million — a remarkable achievement for a foreign language film.

"It's a very universal tale of two individuals from different backgrounds, different generations, different cultures, who have to learn to live with each other and ultimately come to love each other," explains Abraham. "A little boy makes a man in his mid-fifties realise the rewards that come with taking on the commitment of another human being. I think everyone can relate to that."

Abraham and Sverak Jr are currently working together on several possible projects, including a new screenplay by the director's father to be made in English. This raises the possibility that Jan Sverak, who was a 25-year-old film student when the Velvet Revolution changed the destiny of his country, could one day find himself collecting another Oscar, this time for a mainstream commercial film.

● *Kolya opens on Friday*

A send-up of life's priorities

THEATRE

Love and Understanding
Bush, W12

THERE is a scene towards the end of Joe Penhall's new play where a recently split young couple meet over the hospital trolley of a mutual friend in intensive care. As Neal and Rachel argue over who should get custody of the wok, the body suddenly sits up and sings: "There may be trouble ahead ... moonlight and music ... laughter, romance ... let's face the music and dance."

Alack, I'm lying about the last bit. But I can't help feeling that a little more magic realism might have served Penhall's three-hander well.

Richie does sit up, he does have a life-saving epiphany, but singing the theme tune to a well-known insurance company advert on television is not it.

How these three got here is the cornerstone of Penhall's comedy. It is simple enough. A pair of overworked young doctors, Neal and Rachel, are visited by the sponger from hell. Richie, a hack journalist, arrives on the doorstep, having spent all his money and a lot of time being unpleasant in exotic parts of the world. Neal, in charge of the intensive care unit of a large underfunded hospital, is his last port of call.

With his public school accent and wild stories, Paul Bettany's degenerate Richie insinuates himself into their lives like a tapeworm. Stealing drugs from the hospital fridge, seducing the bored Rachel, he effortlessly abuses Neal's pliable nature. Nicolas Tennant's hapless northerner is reduced to a pin cushion of professional and personal anxieties.

Penhall cleverly sends up the way we prioritise our lives. It is the best part of what is a wholly predictable scenario. Celia Robertson's prosaic Rachel would like a social life. "I love Neal," she says half-heartedly to ward off Richie. "We've got a mortgage. It is serious."

Mike Bradwell directs with unimpeachable style. He wrings the comedy out of the characters, the angst out of his actors. But he never quite shakes the suspicion that this is anything but an elaborate piece of self-advertising by a skilled copywriter. It beats selling insurance, sure, but maybe Penhall will write a piece of theatre next time rather than an episodic soap.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

MASTER CLASS: Patti LuPone recreates her Broadway starring role as Maria Callas in Terrence McNally's Tony-winning play where the great diva puts aspiring opera singers through their paces. Leonard Foglia directs.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5040). Opens tonight, 7pm. Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm.

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Sir Colin Davies conducts the LSO in the world premiere of Piers Hellawell's *Do Not Disturb* which takes its title from part of West Country poet Tom Clark's haiku-like anthology, *Ways Through Bracken*. The Finchley Children's Music Group recites selected lines of text from Clark's striking verbal imagery. The work is followed by Beethoven's Violin Concerto, performed by Anne-Sophie Mutter, and Brahms's First Symphony.
Barbican, Silk Street EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm.

3 SISTERS: The Aletta Collins Dance Company performs Collins's quirky work which takes Chekhov's drama as the starting point for an exploration of the themes of unfulfilment, longing and love.
Place, Duke's Road, WC1 (0171-387 0031). Tonight and tomorrow, 8pm.

ELSEWHERE

BAGNOR: Jamie Glover plays the king in **Henry V**, an all-male, in-the-round production by Edward Hall, staged inside and outside the theatre and seen from the soldiers' point of view.
Watermill, Bagnor, nr Newbury (01635 46044). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7.30pm (except June 7 6.30pm), mats some Tue, Thurs, Sats, 2.30pm. Until June 7.

CHICHESTER: Siô O'Neal maleys her incriminating accessory in Richard Cottrell's revival of **Lady Windermere's Fan**. Stephanie Beacham, David Rintoul and Googie Withers also in a fine cast.
Festival, Oaklands Park (01243 781312). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. In rep.

GLASGOW: Inna Brown directs a cast led by Miriam Karlin and David Hargreaves in **Lavochkin-5**, Alexei Shipenko's play about the end of the Soviet empire. Iain Heggie's translation catches the obscenity of the original.
Tron, 63 Trongate (0141-552 4267). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until May 24.

LINCOLN: **English Touring Opera's** spring tour includes a new production by Stephen Medcalf of *The Marriage of Figaro* (today, Thursday and Saturday). Tomorrow and Friday, Caroline Gawn directs a revival of Bizet's *The Pearl Fishers*, conducted by Paul McGrath.
Theatre Royal, Clasketgate (01522 525555). Today-Sat, 7.30pm. Next in **Darlington**, Civic (01325 486555), May 12-14. **Carlisle**, Sands Centre (01228 25222), May 16 and 17.

NEWCASTLE: Scottish Ballet's touring production of John Cranko's **Romeo & Juliet** is replete with magnificent costumes, lavish scenery, spectacular fight scenes and Prokofiev's music.
Theatre Royal, 100 Grey Street ◪ (0191-232 2061). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 2pm, Sat, 2.30pm. Next in **Hull**, New (01482 226655), May 13-17.

LONDON GALLERIES

Akel Minott Ellis: Nigel Ellis — Some Recent Drawings (0171-336 7808). **BAC**: Blink, an exhibition by Gideon Gold and Sophie Newell (0171-223 2223). **Goethe-Institut**: Lucia Moholy: Bauhaus Photographer (0171-411 3400). **Hayward**: Material Culture: The Object of British Art of the 1980s and 1990s (0171-928 3144). **National Portrait**: Ignatius Sancho (1729-1780): An African Man of Letters (0171-306 0055). **Portal**: Flowers and Gardens Show (0171-493 0706). **Royal Academy**: The Berlin of George Grosz (0171-439 7438). **Tate**: Painterly Pop, Kathy Prendergast, City Drawings (0171-887 8000). **Whitechapel**: Artechamber (0171-522 7888).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
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☐ **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**: Disney's film turned into a hit Broadway musical. Julie-Alanah Brighten and Alasdair Harvey as the leads, with support from the likes of Derek Griffiths and Norman Rossington.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-416 6060). Now previewing, 7.30pm. Opens May 13, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

■ **GABRIEL**: Lisa Harrow plays the Guernsey widow who rescues a handsome amnesiac (Stephen Billington) washed up on a beach in 1943. Fiona Buffini directs.
Soho, 21 Dean Street, W1 (0171-420 0022). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until May 24.

☐ **THE GOODBYE GIRL**: Gary Wilmot, Ann Crumb and Shezwae Powell in the Hamlisch/Zippel musical version of Neil Simon's play. Dancer dumped by one actor and landed with another gradually finds love. Aah. Directed by Rob Bettinson.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

☐ **THE HOMECOMING**: Pinter's comedy, set in a north London house where David Bradley's bullying Max leads the struggle to possess his eldest son's wife (Lindsay Duncan).
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm; mat Thurs, 2.15pm. In rep.

☐ **THE MAI**: Dublin prizewinner by Marina Carr, author of the haunting *Portia Coughlan*. Four generations of women whose lives men have variously disrupted. Nicolas Kent directs.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Sat, 4pm. Until June 7.

◪ **MARLENE**: Siân Phillips gives an attractive performance as the singer with the golden sheath dress.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **THE SCHOOL FOR WIVES**: Peter Bowles both touching and comic as Molière's deluded hero. Eric Sykes excellent as his lilcker-fingered servant. Peter Hall directs. Transfer from a successful run at the Piccadilly Theatre.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. Until July 26.

☐ **THE SEAGULL**: Felicity Kendal, Michael Pennington and Victoria Hamilton in Peter Hall's production of Tom Stoppard's new version.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Now previewing, 7.30pm. Opens May 9, 7.30pm. In rep.

◪ **SPRING AWAKENING**: Greenwich Studio Theatre occupies the main house for the first time with a revival of Wedekind's powerful drama of mistaught youth and angry rebellion. Margarete Forsyth directs Julian Forsyth's new translation.
BAC, Lavender Hill, SW11 (0171-223 2223). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm, Sun, 6pm. Until June 1.

◪ **TOM AND CLEM**: Stimulating play with Alec McCowen and Michael Gambon as sober Attlee and flamboyant Driberg, sorting out the world at Potsdam.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6007). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072). ◪ **Grease**: Cambridge (0171-494 5080). ◪ **An Inspector Calls**: Garrick (0171-494 5085). ☐ **Jesus Christ Superstar**: Lyceum (0171-656 1807). ☐ **Martin Guerre**: Prince Edward (0171-447 5400). ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909). ☐ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020). ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400). ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054). ◪ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

THE BOY FROM MERCURY (PG): Alienated eight-year-old boy decides that he comes from outer space. Slight but sweet Irish film. Writer-director, Martin Duffy.
ABC Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470).

DONNIE BRASCO (18): FBI agent Johnny Depp befriends Mafia wiseguy Al Pacino. Thoughtful gangster saga, directed by Mike Newell.
Notting Hill Coronet ◪ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **West End** (0181-315 4221) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0990 888990) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096).

FEMALE PERVERSIONS (18): Tilda Swinton's lawyer faces an identity crisis. Striking American feminist film, directed by Susan Streitfeld.
ABCs: Piccadilly (0171-437 3561) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148).

♦ **LIAR LIAR** (12): Lawyer Jim Carrey tells the truth for 24 hours. Attractive comedy, soft round the edges. Director, Tom Shadyac.
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MARGARET'S MUSEUM (15): Helena Bonham Carter suffers in a Nova Scotia mining community. So do we. Director, Mort Ransen.
ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6279) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096).

♦ **SCREAM** (18): Wes Craven's rousing horror romp, with Neve Campbell and in-jokes galore.
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BASQUIAT (15): Fascinating portrait of the black graffiti artist of the 1980s, portrayed by Jeffrey Wright.
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♦ **RIDICULE** (15): Patrice Leconte's costume piece set in Louis XVI's court, with Fanny Ardant, Jean Rochefort.
ABC Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233).

A SELF-MADE HERO (15): Jacques Audiard's captivating film about a bogus Resistance hero in the Second World War, with Mathieu Kassovitz.
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♦ **WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S ROMEO + JULIET** (12): Effervescent contemporary treatment, with Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes as the star-crossed lovers. Director, Baz Luhrmann.
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The opinion polls turned out this time to be deadly accurate. There is no reason to doubt what they were telling us over the whole five years of the Parliament. They were confirmed in every by-election, by council elections and by the European Parliament elections. All told us the same story. We lost massive support at the end of 1992 when Britain was thrown out of the European exchange-rate mechanism, and we never found a way of recovering that support. The public doubted the Government's competence because the main economic policy went wrong. Then they doubted the Government's word, because taxes had to go up to pay for the damage done by the recession.

I wanted the Government to apologise for this mistake, and to keep VAT down, as promised in the 1992 election. I was unsuccessful in making my case within government. So in 1995 when John Major resigned, I made the difficult decision to give up my Cabinet job. I tried to shock the Government into a change of tone, style and policy. I hoped that it would generate the change we needed to have a chance of winning the general election. We went up in the polls during that leadership contest, and returned to the original levels only after I had lost.

Today I want to offer the Conservative Party hope for the future. I am the only Conservative likely to run in this leadership election who could face Tony Blair across the dispatch box and put down endless difficult questions about the 1992-97 Government. I do not have to defend past mistakes, because I resigned from that Government. I would be able to point the Conservative Party firmly towards the future, and concentrate on opposing.

I have spent time considering whether I could do the job of leading the party, and how I would do it. It will not be easy. It requires some goodwill from all members of the parliamentary and the wider party. We need to develop the will to win, to put in the work that is needed in every town, village and street. We need to remember why we joined Conservative politics in the first place. After the battering of recent years, we need to be reminded that politics can be enjoyable and rewarding.

Could I unite this party of ours? Yes I could. In many ways our party is more united today than throughout the long years of government. Stephen Dorrell and I do not disagree about economic policy in the way that the "wets" and "dries" did in the 1980s. Ken Clarke and I do not disagree about the need for excellence in our schools and hospitals, with the bills met by the taxpayer. The only issue that causes us strains is the issue of Europe.

In government, the lack of a clear line on Europe pulled the party apart. Everyone knew the country was on the threshold of major decisions, but no one could be sure how the Government would approach those decisions. This encouraged a mutual suspicion between ministers and the rest of the party. The task of the Leader of the Opposition will be to find the common ground, those common principles which can unite us. I will carry the parliamentary party with me through regular meetings and discussions, so that we can oppose the unfolding federal programme of the European Union. The job of opposition is to oppose.

In sadness at the size of our defeat, in humility at the verdict of the people, but with optimism for the future, I put myself forward for the leadership

Europe cannot be ignored. It may be the rock on which this Labour Government breaks. It may well occupy much of the time of this Parliament, because so many major issues are now pressing for decision. We should be ready, but it should not be our obsession.

We Conservatives are united in saying that social and employment laws are better made in Britain than through the social chapter. We believe that surrendering vetoes in Amsterdam will make Britain's position weaker, not stronger. We believe that watering down the requirements for a single currency is dangerous. We must dig in against all of these likely proposals of a Labour Government. At the same time we should set out a positive programme for a Europe with more jobs and more trade. We want a common market, not a common government.

We should remember that health and education dominated many a doorstep conversation, as we found in the past few weeks just how accurate those polls were. Labour has aroused unrealisable expectations about improvements in schools and hospitals. We must hold them to account, demanding they fulfil their promises. We must show some humility in the face of the electorate's judgment, and show nationally and locally that we are committed to these services.

We can rebuild through local government. Last Thursday we had some victories in councils across the country. In my constituency we won 19 of the 26 seats on offer: a victory for good council candidates. We won on a promise that more money would go directly to the schools. It was a council dominated by the Liberal Democrats and by Labour that had shortchanged schools, withholding from them some of the government grant. People saw the humbug and voted for some practical answers to the shortages of teachers and books.

I would ask every constituency to consider appointing a parliamentary spokesman or a parliamentary candidate for the next election, so that we have a political leader in every part of our country. I would ask defeated MPs who are willing to offer their help in their constituencies to begin the fightback. I will scour the country for the new talent and the younger legs we need to establish ourselves again as the most important political party in local government. By so doing we can prove our willingness to serve, and rebuild the roots of our party. The leadership must listen to the views of the membership, and use the membership's wisdom and experience fully.

Our task is awesome in scale. I have not decided quickly or lightly to stand. I know that the job will be tough, and that the path will be long and hard. We must ensure that the massive loss of MPs on May Day 1997 marks the conclusion of the long run of electoral failures, and that the election of all those new councillors marks the beginning of a new run of greater electoral success.

In sadness at the size of our defeat, in humility before the verdict of the people, but with optimism for our future, I put myself forward as a candidate for the leadership of the Conservative Party. It has been and will be a great party. Its job is far from done. Britain needs a strong Opposition. In the not too distant future it will need an alternative government. There is work to do. Please help me to do it.

Anatole Kaletsky's column will appear tomorrow.

Cheers! Now for the bill

We shall have to think twice about skiing trips or private education

Libby Purves

Oh, what a night! We were no longer timid, grumbling sheep, but lived one day as tigers. With a boldness that took the world's breath away the British electorate stepped into the unknown. We took a hammer to Granny Thatcher's crazed old dinner-service, knocked through the dividing wall and opened new vistas. All night, with great swingeing axe-blows, the mighty were humbled; next day the sun shone and the young leader walked transfigured amid cheering crowds. The vanquished left gracefully, and the victors did not crow.

Even Tory supporters felt it, because such moments of cathartic national feeling are for everyone. We have earned ours, after looking on with unspoken envy for two decades while other nations enjoyed historic catharses: we saw Lech Walesa and the dockworkers kneeling in prayer at the shipyard gates in Gdansk, the Berlin Wall crumbling, Mandela's election, Vaclav Havel's first speech to a free Czechoslovakia. We felt a bit left out. Now we have had a proper political May Day revel of our own, with even the losers relaxing into the wild absurdity of it all. Cecil Parkinson made a magnificent joke when Jeremy Paxman — oddly bloodless, his cynical power diminished by the spirit of the night — nagged him about party "squabbles". "There may not be enough of us by tomorrow", said Lord Parkinson gently, "to *have* a good squabble." And at dawn in his constituency, John Major giggled and said boyishly: "Oh, all right, so we lost!" A surge of warmth flowed towards him from every political direction.

Down in this deep blue Tory shire (yes, Houdini Gummer survived, just), one odd symptom of euphoria was the number of people who, with that uniquely inarticulate British way of showing emotion, decided on Friday morning that it was time to worm their dogs and horses. Something to do with a sense of cleansing. I met one liberal-left neighbour doing just that, syringe in hand, and she dreamily said: "There is a new spirit of warmth and unity in the air today. I can tell this, because I am feeling sorry for Michael Portillo." In cities, others reported shock at seeing beggars on the streets because "everything should have changed". An 80-year-old friend of mine, leaving the country on holiday, rang to say goodbye in case it proves to be the last time. He is not notably leftish but said "*Nunc dimittis*. I could go happily now. My country feels younger, and safer."

During this pantomime transformation, as networks of power and influence crumbled and cheerful kids in baseball caps invaded the grim fastnesses of 10 Downing Street, we glanced back groggily at the screens to see ourselves winning the Eurovision Song Contest by another landslide, with a song going "C'mon everybody, shine a light, in every corner". Collapse of emotional nation: even Peter Mandelson must feel that it has gone far enough now.

Well, an eruption of happiness does nobody any harm. But the euphoria will fade and the broad middle class which swept Labour to victory now has facts to face. We have commissioned the new rulers to restore the fabric and the standard of schools and hospitals, to revive derelict cities and protect the countryside, to bring a lost generation home to lawfulness and work. They cannot do this just by taxing the fattest cats and windfall-taxing public utilities. It is true that Gordon Brown has some wonderfully fat targets to aim at, unpublicised sacred cows of the old Tory heartland such as the £250 million of "reinvestment relief" on capital gains tax which landowners still get when they sell land at a vast profit for building or gravel and roll over the profit into buying more land. There are European rackets such as set-aside and subsidised non-food crops such as flax (which is often not even harvested, but ploughed back in once the subsidy is banked). The super-rich still have plentiful tax loopholes.

But this will not be enough. Mr Brown also has to hit the parlour socialists, old and new, who quixotically voted for him. There are a lot of people who genuinely prospered under Conservatism, but equally genuinely decided to blow the whistle on it. They are going to have to pay up. This means you, perhaps: it certainly means me. The Chancellor may not raise tax rates, but there is no promise on thresholds or allowances. In particular, all the freelances and contractors and small entrepreneurs who proliferated in the short-contract culture of recent years now pay tax on Schedule D, and do rather well out of it. Mr Brown may well decide to limit — say to £10,000 — the allowances and reliefs that any one taxpayer may claim. That would hit nearly a million people. Or he could restrict relief on all that home-as-office use, mobile phones, photocopying, taxi-riding, "newspapers and magazines, professional need", "wardrobe-and-hairdressing", and so on, to the lowest tax rate, so saving us crafty swines only 23p instead of 40p in the pound. All this before he even starts carving away at mortgage interest relief. I worked it out: my own tax could rapidly rise by the amount we spend, say, on the beloved boat. For others it will be equally beloved school fees that are threatened, or the second car, or the horse, or the skiing, or the Marks & Spencer food hall habit. If the Chancellor's judgment is good, it will not eat into the legitimate needs and small deserved luxuries of most families, but it will be a fine balance.

We have to face it. We voted for the common good: for good free schools, health-care that doesn't shame us, cities that work, prisons that rehabilitate, a clean environment, safe streets. We certainly didn't elect a vengeful, chippy, 1970s version of Labour, full of class hatred and Denis Healey's yearning to squeeze the rich "till the pips squeak"; but we did vote for improvements that will cost us money. Not some anonymous fat cat: us. I am eliminating some profligate habits right now, in preparation.

I am not as cynical as some. I do not think that when the shoe pinches a little, the middle classes will necessarily run squealing back to Nanny Tory. I honestly believe that the nation turned to social democracy because it saw how pointless and dangerous the social division is that has encroached on us. It is no fun on the middle-class island if the waters around have grown so dangerous that you are compelled by fear to use your money on car alarms, private schools, health insurance, steel gates and burglar alarms. I think that we will pay up cheerfully — on one condition.

That is that new Labour is seen to be both effective and frugal. The Tories underestimated the sheer rage of middle Britain at their profligacies: at the billions wasted on setting up an unworkable poll tax and dismantling it, on getting into the exchange-rate mechanism and dropping out again, on protracted judicial inquiries into their own seedy dishonesties, on stupid patronising government advertising, on the bureaucracy of the NHS and on propping up ideologically driven privatisations. Just as employees in a big corporation resent cuts in their own departmental budgets and their own pay while the top management keeps spending long weekends doing "target-focus-analysis awareness training" in country hotels, so the taxpayer cannot bear arrogant profligacy in its leaders.

So far at least the new team exudes an air of energy, modesty and purpose. Frank Field's appearance at the DSS is cheering: he is not a man to throw money about. Gordon Brown has a satisfyingly dour, virtuous look about him, the sort of family lawyer you would trust with the client account. It is hard to imagine David Blunkett or Jack Straw or Clare Short ordering lavish spending on frippery chartermarks and logos (although Harriet Harman might need watching). If Mr Mandelson's brief really has shifted from PR to progress-chasing, I hope that part of it involves stamping on schemes that look, or are, wasteful.

As for meaningful early gestures, I held my breath for two days while it seemed that perhaps the leaked plan to extend the No 10 flat for the family Blair would be confirmed. It was not: the incomers ignored all chunterings about tradition and the constitutional importance of the PM sleeping as close as possible to portraits of Lord Salisbury, and cheerfully decamped to No 11. Gordon Brown, we are told, doesn't much care where he sleeps or whether children are playing in his garden.

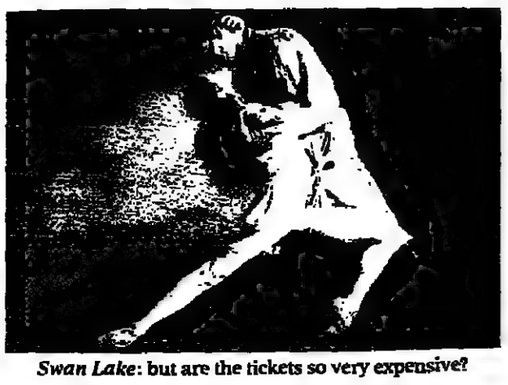
It was a good start. They made do and improvised, started from where they were, dumped a dusty tradition in favour of common sense, and spent no money. Brilliant! Middle Britain expects no less. And if we now behave cheerfully about postponing the kitchen extension and binning the second-holiday brochures, we deserve no less.

Too too much

LORD STERLING OF PLAISTOW has caused an agitated spate of tutu-flapping with a national newspaper advertisement for his ferry company, P&O, which suggests that a boat trip to the Continent costs less than a night at the ballet.

As chairman of P&O, Lord Sterling presumably approved the advertisements, but as a governor of the Royal Ballet and chairman of the Royal Ballet School's board of governors, he might have been expected to be more supportive of dance in the theatre.

The Society of London Theatre has complained to the Advertising Standards Authority about the series of ads, the latest of which reads: "Swan off abroad for less than a performance of *Swan Lake*."

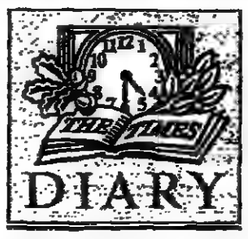


Swan Lake: but are the tickets so very expensive?

Rupert Rhymes, the society's chief executive, complains: "It's not very good that a company which makes its money out of the tourist trade advertises against another section of tourism."

Lord Sterling was not available for comment yesterday, and the Royal Ballet was not prepared to give any reaction. But expect some vigorous pirouetting from Sterling at forthcoming board meetings with the ballet and its school.

● *Well-wishers who sent congratulatory messages to Tony Blair's Islington address should not despair if they don't receive a reply. With the advent of a new government, the local sorting office has gone on strike.*



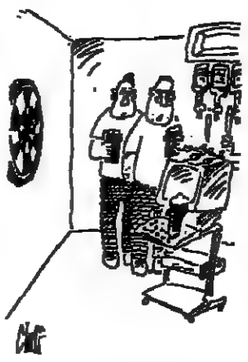
Explosive

IN a triumphalist gesture, the German town of Essen is using a franking stamp featuring a sinister-looking Zeppelin hovering over the Houses of Parliament. The stamp is to celebrate the launch of a stamp-collecting exhibition in Essen which concentrates on images of aviation. The Zeppelin hovers over Westminster with the words "London, 1932" beneath, signifying the date of the maiden flight of the airship from Germany to London. "We've no need of being reminded how close those Jerries are to our Parliament," grumbles one old peer.

Stand up

ALTHOUGH he was never at his best on television, a relaxed John Major is seen by experts as a saleable commodity on the after-dinner speaking circuit. Those in the know suggest that he could pick up £40,000 for an evening's work, and more if he were prepared to stand on his soap box.

Major's honest John image may have brought the worst poll result for the Conservatives in 165 years, but it will stand him in good stead after the feast. Friends in office have always been impressed by his impromptu addresses at drinks parties for staff who are leaving and agents suggest he could charge almost as much as Baroness Thatcher, despite her wider international appeal.



"I bet Kasparov could beat the computer at darts"

Barry Cryer, who will this week receive the Macallan/Home Farm Trust Soap Box award, says Major has talent. "He may cry and eat the wallpaper at home, but he is a picture of calm and affability as an after-dinner speaker," says Cryer. "There's silly money about, and he may be in the top bracket in spite of having lost the election." Two of his former Cabinet colleagues, John Gummer and Michael Howard, are priced more sensibly at £5,000.

Swap slot

THERE is a precedent to the house-swapping of Tony Blair and Gordon Brown. The idea that Brown, as a bachelor Chancellor, moves into the flat above No 10 while the Blairs move *en famille* to the capacious quarters of No 11 is not unlike Benjamin Disraeli's domestic arrangements.

Elected Prime Minister in 1874, Dizzy agreed to the swap, because he had no family to house, and in those days, the flat at No 10 was larger than that in No 11. Conversely, his stout and prolific Chancellor, Sir Stafford Northcote, needed the room for his wife and brood of eight children. "Ten Downing Street is the official residence of every British Prime Minister, but Lord Beaconsfield [Disraeli] was now a widower with no children," writes Anne Wolrige Gordon in *Dame Flora*, the story of Northcote's daughter. "The two men had, therefore, agreed to exchange houses."

Northcote and Disraeli: swapped accommodation

● *As the removal men took the Blair belongings to No 10 yesterday, I trust that they spared a thought for John Major, who had shifted all files from his Downing Street offices by lunchtime on Friday. There was nowhere for him to put his clobber, because Blair didn't clear out the Leader of the Opposition's office until Sunday night. The machinery of what was the Government spent a weekend locked in transit vans.*

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THE NEW LEADER

Tories must lose no time in choosing a healer and a fighter

The first step the Conservatives must take if they are to prove an effective opposition is to elect an effective leader. The Tory party has grown addicted to internal debate and has been weakened by that addiction. Some may still prefer an extended period of decision-making before the candidate best suited to counter Tony Blair is chosen. But there is no time for that. And that is no bad thing.

The small band of surviving Tory MPs must make their judgment on what they know of their would-be leaders already. It would be foolish of the Tories and a forfeit of opposition duty if they were handicapped in attacking Labour over the summer because they were still fighting themselves.

Already Labour has begun moves to bring Britain within the operation of the social chapter. In the weeks ahead, and at the Amsterdam summit, the new Government could preside over significant transfers of sovereignty. It would be damaging to party and country not to subject Labour's stance to the most vigorous and pointed scrutiny.

The need to oppose with as much coherence and force as can be mustered makes it necessary for the Conservatives to adopt a line on the single currency which does not allow divisions to fester. As we have already argued, Kenneth Clarke's proposal to allow a free vote in the future is a formula for sectarianism in the Tory party. It is much more sensible to rule out membership for the lifetime of this Parliament. That will provide clarity now while allowing those who believe monetary union is inevitable and desirable the chance to argue for entry only after a single currency had proved it was as attractive as its advocates hoped.

Finding the right position on Europe, however, is only a necessary and very far from a sufficient pre-condition for recovering power. The party of One Nation must prove it is not just the party of one issue. To that end the emphasis placed on other policies by John Redwood is welcome. Mr Redwood's intellect should prove invaluable in plotting a Conservative recovery, but helpful as his diagnosis is, his credentials as the healer who can make the Tory party whole again, are still unproven. It is still not easy to see how a party led by Mr Redwood could make the most of Kenneth Clarke's undoubted talents. It is also still difficult to discern how Mr Clarke himself could play the healer rather than the bruiser; but both men should continue to play a vital part in keeping the Tory base broad and its punch hard.

What is required is a leader capable of welding together a Shadow Cabinet of all the talents, or at least all those who prefer the clash of arms with the enemy to the sulking in their seminar room. Michael Howard's skill with a brief and taste for the jugular combine with a private thoughtfulness to make him an impressive contender. He is, however, associated in the public's minds with the last Government's harsher face and more authoriarian instincts. He must convince the Conservative MPs who know his talents that the wider public can be made to appreciate them as well. William Hague has shown himself adept at avoiding controversy and an amiable administrator. But his lack of experience is all too visible to his colleagues and the country alike.

Peter Lilley is one of the few Conservatives whose reputation rose steadily throughout the last Parliament and who left it with a solid legislative record and the respect for those who had been his opponents. Already in the leadership campaign he has shown sensitivity to the reasons for Tory unpopularity. If the public truly registered a vote last week against aggressive Punch and Judy politics, his tone may be more appropriate than Mr Howard's. Mr Lilley has proven instincts for the freedom of individuals and markets. He has not yet, however, shown that he can quicken the pulse and inspire the unconverted.

From the field available there is no sure and perfect choice; but a fruitless and prolonged search for the best should not be the enemy of the good. Ideally, a new leader should provide an intellectual framework for his lieutenants to operate within, allowing them to hit the opposition hard while he imbues the party with a new sense of purpose. In the weeks ahead, and there should be as few of them as possible, such a leader will have a chance to prove himself.

VOTES ACROSS THE CHANNEL

The French watch the British experiment with fascination

It was almost as though our election was happening in France. The British campaign was followed with intense interest across the Channel. Top commentators took up residence in London, camera crews followed the candidates all round the country, and newspapers devoted entire issues to the state of Britain today. For Tony Blair's landslide is being examined for implications far beyond these shores. On the lips of every commentator in France are three urgent questions. What kind of neighbour will a Labour-governed Britain become? What are the implications for the Left in Europe? And has a massive blockage on the path to European integration been removed?

Nowhere are the questions more insistent than in France. The French parliamentary elections are now in full swing, and all sides are trying to draw lessons from an almost simultaneous general election on the other side of the Channel. The Right jumped in first. Alain Juppé, the embattled Prime Minister desperate to kick-start a sluggish campaign, said Tony Blair had won only because he had abandoned the outdated dogma still shackling the French Socialists. He claimed Mr Blair as a fellow centrist.

The Socialists in turn have pointed to the catastrophic electoral consequences of a Government that tried to cut social security benefits and ignore the trade unions and European Union social legislation. They have warmly welcomed Labour's prompt readiness to sign the social chapter and greeted Mr Blair as "one of us." France, which has seen less of Mr Blair than British audiences, has been bowled over by his youth, smile and freshness, as well as his ability to speak French and the discovery that he once worked as a barman in Paris.

All sides want to bask in the reflected glory. What neither side is willing to admit, however, is that the British election has become such a talking point because the French election is proving extremely dull. About a third of those asked still do not know how they will vote. And the reason for this apathy is that the real issue of the campaign — European economic and monetary union — has not been discussed. No politician, except the Communists and Le Pen's National Front, is willing to question the wisdom of the sacrifices needed to achieve the Maastricht criteria.

All saw the central place Europe played in Britain's election and await Labour's decisions on EMU. Mr Blair's stance will be seized on either by the Government or the Opposition to give vital support to their embattled positions. This is as true in EU countries ruled by the Left, such as Sweden, as those ruled by the Centre-Right, such as Germany, where EMU is equally a submerged electoral theme.

The overriding interest everywhere, however, is how Mr Blair will change Britain. The United Kingdom has been an awkward political partner but also a vibrant culture, powerfully attracting young Europeans. With a new, young leader, Britain is all the more seen as a society setting the pace for Europe. Our closest neighbours are watching with fascination.

MAN'S JACKDAW INSTINCT

Collections of any old rope can be documents of human interest

Man is an animal who collects things; and woman too, though she may be less obsessive about completing sets. On page 18 today Richard Cork reviews an exhibition of the collecting craze being shown across London. In national warehouses of objects, from the British Museum to Selfridges, there are displays of what collectors collect. They display the craze for assemblages from old bottles to objects made from cutting and splicing hair, which sound more collectible than desirable.

But a thing need not be valuable or even desirable to be collected. It can be as cheap as a beermat or as useless as the thin end of a necktie. Small boys start with football stickers and some never even move on to collect CDs. Before the silent spring of agribusiness made the pursuit illegal, collecting birds' eggs combined the treasure hunt with natural history. To become collectible, a thing needs only to be widespread and to have variations to satisfy the urges to swop and classify. From these come the proliferation of flea markets and antiques programmes on television. One man's junk is another man's collectible. For a collector is just a Don Juan who has transferred his passion.

The collector's urge is usually irrational. An authentic autograph of Shakespeare is sold for many thousands of pounds. But a schoolchild can read *Hamlet* for nothing. The National Lottery paid millions for the Churchill papers, which could be made cheaply available to scholars by facsimile and the Internet. No auctioneer can value the future of collections. The theatrical furniture and slides of urinals on show in London seem to lack purpose. But without old curiosity-shoppers such as Elias Ashmole, Viscount Fitzwilliam with his armour, and John Soane, our museums would be poorer temples of the Muses and history.

For two centuries the Yorke family of Erddig in Clwyd collected portraits of their household servants captioned with descriptive verses. To the neighbours their collection seemed eccentric. But today the Yorke pictures form a priceless record of life below stairs. Elizabeth, Countess of Shrewsbury, was a powerful woman who saw four husbands to the grave. But she was also a great female collector. Without Bess of Hardwick Hall, we should not have the unique record of needlework and tapestries that she and her women stitched in the long evenings of the 16th and 17th centuries.

Without the collectors of the Dark Ages we should have even less of the literature of the ancient world. So mock not the collectors. Neither literature nor art is injured by their follies. They may preserve the worthless, but they also protect the good. For man records his history by his trivial collections. Future generations of scholars and ordinary cultural trippers will find our collections illuminating as well as astonishing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Social chapter as a threat to 'paradise'

From Mrs Virginia Bottomley, MP for Surrey South West (Conservative)

Sir, The first policy announcement by the new Labour Government is their decision to sign the European social chapter. We may expect more such concessions to satisfy and to reward the unions behind the figleaf of European co-operation.

Many supported and recognised John Major's negotiating triumph in securing British control in employment matters. They will view with dismay the potential damage to employment and future prosperity from the loss of flexibility in offering and accepting work.

Major companies from around the world have settled in Britain in confirmation of Jacques Delors's prophecy that we would become "a paradise for forward investment" without social chapter burdens.

The idea mooted by Mr Blair over this week-end of appointing Sir David Simon, a distinguished international businessman, for advice on European matters (report, Business, May 5) may be sensible; but Labour would be well advised to listen to their friends such as Gerry Robinson of Granada or Sir Terence Conran about the need to be able to offer employment without unnecessary burdens.

The greatest number of new jobs is to be found in the service sector. Tourism and hospitality, along with media and film, have become widely recognised successes. They rely on a flexible labour market.

As Robin Cook argues for flexibility in Europe, he should be tough on the obstacles to employment. Large established companies may not object publicly to interference and rules from Brussels; but obligations and loss of flexibility can be lethal for start-up and service businesses.

Yours faithfully,
VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY
House of Commons.
May 5.

Tories confronting a bleak outlook

From Mr Jeremy Catto

Sir, The Conservative Party in Parliament can derive nutriment from its current irrelevance. It needs time, intelligence and hard work to redefine its basic beliefs, in a series of exercises of the kind undertaken by R. A. Butler in 1945-49 or Margaret Thatcher in 1975-79. It is thus unfortunate that Mr Major has chosen this moment to give up the leadership, when the choice of a new leader ought to follow, not precede, at least the first stages of the party's painful reappraisal.

If, however, there has to be a new leader now, his or her primary task will be working out the fundamentals, and not short-term and self-indulgent posturing by the usual bruisers, now reduced to featherweight, against the massive forces of their opponents. The Conservative Party does not *need* to exist. It has to prove that it deserves to.

Yours etc,
JEREMY CATTO,
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May 3.

From Mr Hugo Summerson and others

Sir, Most people who lose their jobs are entitled to statutory redundancy payments based on length of service; those who work for modern, enlightened organisations will also receive help in the form of outplacement or career management. By contrast, Members of Parliament who lose their seats get a redundancy payment, but nothing more until they are of pensionable age. Some of them will not have been able to take out mortgage protection insurance, due to the unstable nature of political tenure. If we are to expect people of probity and ability to represent our interests at Westminster, should we not, in return, make sure that they are given appropriate help when they lose office as a result of the democratic process?

Support services should be made available to the 135 Members of Parliament who have lost their jobs. Now is the time for the new Parliament to embrace the challenges of being a modern employer.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Bernard Buckle

Sir, In Scotland the Tories won four percentage points more of the total vote than the SNP and failed to win a single seat. The SNP won six seats and claim this as a mandate for complete Scottish independence. Nationally the Tories won three-quarters as much of the popular vote, but only one-third as many seats.

Do we now expect a conversion of the Tories to adopt some form of proportional representation (which would now presumably be thought unnecessary by Labour) and which the Tories have always rubbished?

The people have clearly voted tactically to get rid of a Tory administration, and did so because there is no system of voting which can directly represent their views.

Yours truly,
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From Mr John D. Hicks

Sir, On the basis that if it is not hurting it is not working, can we now assume that finally something must be working?

Yours faithfully,
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Salary levels in charity sector

From Mr Jon Prentice

Sir, Surely any comment on charity salaries (report, April 25) should recognise that, whilst all charities have employees who work within an organisation structure and need to be paid, they do still fall into two categories: "genuine" charities, which act as channels for donations to their causes, and commercial organisations which sell services and generate revenue to which the notions of "cause" and "donations" are all but irrelevant, but which happen to enjoy charitable status.

The Institute of Personnel and Development, which heads your list of the ten charities with the highest-earning chief executives, belongs firmly in the latter category.

Yours faithfully,
JON PRENTICE
(Management consultant),
42a Arlington Road,
Eastbourne, East Sussex.
April 25.

From Mr David Graham

Sir, Whilst I do not condone excessive salaries in the charity sector, I disagree with the premise that high salaries are the price of success; I believe them to be the cause.

My firm has worked for 20 of the largest 50 charities in the UK, with a remit to increase efficiency. In our experience those with the most effective management deliver the best value to their donors.

If I were a charity trustee, I would seek to employ competent professional management and would expect to pay market rates. The worst enemy of best management practice in the charity sector is the well-meaning amateur.

Yours faithfully,
D. L. GRAHAM
(Managing Director),
The Cost Reduction Partnership,
175 Piccadilly, W1.
April 27.

From the Chief Executive of the Royal Opera House

Sir, Although the information on average Royal Opera House salaries in the Baring Asset Management guide to the *Top 3,000 Charities* is based on our 1995-96 annual report, it has been misinterpreted.

The quoted figure of £43,369 pa has been calculated, erroneously, by taking all payments to all individuals, including guest artists', producers' and designers' fees, touring allowances and even redundancy costs, and dividing that by 1,000 — the number of permanent staff employed in that fiscal year.

In fact, only 77 of those earned in excess of £40,000 pa, and the average salary was £26,881 pa.

Yours faithfully,
GENISTA McINTOSH,
Chief Executive,
Royal Opera House,
Covent Garden, WC2.
April 25.

Improving the NHS

From Mr John Pantall

Sir, Both the public and health professionals will eagerly await the new Government's actions on improving the NHS. Parts of the agenda are clear: streamlining the management of NHS organisations, restoring local accountability, achieving strategic integration of service developments at health authority level, simplifying the internal market.

However, a major area of ongoing change relates to the rearrangement of services, determining which hospitals are closed and which beds remain accessible.

Some of the arguments for the parallel processes of centralisation (eg, of cancer services) and outreach services are strong. In many cases, however, there is no substantial evidence that either clinical or cost-effectiveness will increase as a result of creating larger, more remote centres. For much of the work of general hospitals there is no automatic increase in effectiveness above 200 beds or so.

The process of reviewing hospital provision and consequential reconfiguration must be based on an approach which is evidence-based and negotiated with all stakeholders, including the public. Otherwise the new Government is likely to go down in history as the great closer of hospitals.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN PANTALL,
Health Services Management Unit,
Devonshire House,
University Precinct Centre,
Oxford Road, Manchester.
May 2.

Wheel clamping on private property

From Mr Harry Harris

Sir, Leonard Jason-Lloyd ("Clamp down on highwaymen", Law, April 29) seeks to bring the criminal law to the rescue of the unfortunate motorist whose car has been clamped on private land. I believe that civil law, too, may provide such assistance.

The essence of wheel-clamping on private land is that a mutual trespass has taken place: the motorist has caused his vehicle to trespass onto land whose owners in turn (through the agency of their hired clamper) have committed trespass upon and seek to retain the vehicle until damages representing the value of inconvenience suffered by the vehicle trespass are recovered from the owner of the vehicle.

Since the owner of the land is under a duty to mitigate his own loss and not compound it, he can hardly claim damages for the time during which the vehicle is prevented from leaving his land. I also believe that the car owner could mount a claim in the civil court for damages representing the cost of hiring and/or acquiring a comparable alternative vehicle.

Such a claim would very quickly swamp the relatively nominal or modest claim for trespass damage suffered by the land owner.

Yours faithfully,
HARRY HARRIS (solicitor),
1st Floor, 384 Washway Road,
Sale, Greater Manchester.
April 29.

From Mr Richard Smith

Sir, Mr Jason-Lloyd suggests that private car clamping can be blackmail and that this proposition should be tested before the courts. This matter has already been examined in the Court of Appeal, in the case of *Arthur and Another v Anker* (Law Report, December 1, 1995).

It was held that if a motorist parks on private property, having seen a warning notice which stated that a vehicle parked without proper authority would be wheel-clamped and released on payment of fee, he would be taken to have consented to the effect of the notice — provided that the release fee was reasonable, the vehicle was released without delay when the motorist tendered the fee, and there was means by which the motorist might communicate his offer of payment.

If these conditions are fulfilled, no crime or tort is committed. In *Arthur v Anker* the clamping company charged £40 for release of the car — an amount which the county court judge had found reasonable and whose decision dismissing the motorist's claim for damages was upheld in the Court of Appeal.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD SMITH
(Principal Lecturer in Law),
Sheffield Hallam University,
School of Urban and
Regional Studies,
City Campus, Pond Street, Sheffield.
April 29.

Darwin, by a short leg

From Mr Peter Talbot Willcox

Sir, That lizards' legs have adapted to local conditions after their introduction to a group of Caribbean islands need not be doubted (report, May 1). But the more important question for Darwinians is whether an evolutionary transformation has ever produced what can unequivocally be recognised as a new species.

Evolutionism has become a dogma based upon inadequate knowledge.

Yours faithfully,
PETER TALBOT WILLCOX,
Thanescroft,
Shamley Green, Surrey.
May 2.

Central Asian unrest

From Dr George D. Brown

Sir, I read your report today of the assassination attempt on President Emomali Rakhmonov of Tajikstan, a former Soviet independent republic in Central Asia, with sorrow but not surprise.

The pseudo-democratic, newly emerging republics of this region are almost always headed by entrenched former Communists. Having seized power, they suppress political opposition while their frustrated citizens await the promised benefits of glasnost and perestroika amid worsening scenes of social squalor and violence.

In nearly seven years since independence, while the West has attempted to ply with "expertise" these potentially very oil and mineral-rich republics, living standards have fallen rapidly. Growing corruption has been fuelled by non-payment of wages, hyper-inflation, high unemployment and impatience for political change.

Blatant and common misuse of presidential authority has brought fear and oppression to the region, secured by the former KGB, the police and the internal militia. Until real democracies are established in republics like Kazakstan, Kyrgystan, Uzbekistan and Tajikstan, I feel regrettably that we shall witness many more such symptoms of discontent.

Sincerely,
GEORGE BROWN
(Visiting Professor of Economics,
University of Kazakstan),
2 Alston Close, Four Oaks,
Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands.
May 1.

Italy's monarchy

From Professor Charles Arnold-Baker

Sir, I hope that republicans blush that only now can the heir to the Italian throne enter his own country (report, May 1). They insist he is a citizen but have refused him citizens' rights as defined by the EU.

A debate on the Italian monarchy is now possible for the first time. In the 1946 plebiscite (later admitted in Parliament to have been improperly conducted) nearly 45 per cent of the total vote went for the King, but more than 65 per cent of the south, including Rome, was for monarchy because the King was the instrument of Mussolini's overthrow, and everyone knew that he had hated him.

The Italian Supreme Court was constitutionally required to declare the result of the plebiscite, but has never done so. It is therefore arguable that there is no Italian republic and that Prince Vittorio Emmanuele is in fact the King of Italy.

I remain, Sir your obedient servant,
CHARLES ARNOLD-BAKER,
2 Paper Buildings,
Inner Temple, EC4.
May 2.

Hogging the road

From Mr Robert Mudie

Sir, Why is it that the car in front of me is invariably driven by a slow, obstinate "crest-hugger", while the car behind me is driven by an impatient maniac?

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT MUDIE,
Charlcombe, Brook, Surrey.
May 3.

Too many cats

From Mr M. J. Purches

Sir, I heartily sympathise with Mr F. Paul Taylor (letter, April 25). My neighbours keep two exceptionally nasty cats, which kill wholesale and with great cruelty. They too have wiped out a whole colony of frogs, and this year's ducklings will live but a day. A favourite pastime is to take a live bird into the kitchen via the cat flap, there to torment it for hours.

Their owners shrug off this needless destruction as "natural". It may have its origins in nature, but the contest is greatly distorted. The cats don't need food; they kill purely for fun. Only their victims abide by natural laws.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL PURCHES,
99 Farm Road,
Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

From Mr Peter Cunningham

Sir, Whilst some of our hedgerow birds certainly fall prey to cats, it is surely the destruction of the hedgerow habitats and unwise use of pesticides that accounts for the greater loss of our passerines. And are there any advantages to be gained from the predatory habits of cats?

Without the constant attention of these hunters, the rodent population would fast become a problem. My cat Annie catches the occasional bird, but she is a champion mouser.

Yours sincerely,
P. CUNNINGHAM,
72 Swanage Road,
Southend-on-Sea, Essex.
May 2.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Horner recalled

From Miss R. A. Stephenson

Sir, I see from your report "School's out for the well-behaved" (April 24, early editions) that pupils are to be given time out for a treat in return for good conduct. It is reassuring to know that the recycling of old practice into new educational initiatives is alive and well.

In the first years of this century my father, a pupil of a Yorkshire elementary school, was regularly let out early for his exemplary record. He went straight to the blacksmith's for his treat, a dish of his grandmother's warm prune pie.

Yous faithfully,
ROSALIE A. STEPHENSON,
4 Rothwell Road, Lincoln.

Early flowerer

From Mr W. R. Carver

Sir, Peter Brookes's cartoon today depicts our new Prime Minister as the Climbing Rose *Blairus primus*.

A grower's catalogue on my bookshelf describes the rose *Blairi No. 2* as being "of Old Rose character, deep pink at the centre, paling at the edges ... One good crop — a few flowers later."

I shall order one without delay.

Yours faithfully,
BILL CARVER,
Bidders Croft, Welland,
Malvern, Worcestershire.
May 3.

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YORK HOUSE

May 5: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, UK Committee for UNICEF, this morning visited the Community Development Centre, Mfesane, Boyes Town, Crossroads, Cape Town, Western Cape Province, South Africa.

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will present the 1997 Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion and attend a celebration of 25 years of the Templeton prize, at Westminster Abbey at 6.25.

The Princess Royal, as President of Patrons, Crime Concern, will visit Tyneside Family Literacy Projects at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School, Wallsend Road, North Shields, Tyne and Wear at 10.25 and Westgate Hill Primary School, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne at 11.30; as President, Save the Children Fund, will attend the Volunteers Reception and Newcastle City Appeal Fundraising Luncheon, The Mansion House, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear at 12.30; as President, Royal Yachting Association, will open Castlegate Quay and HM Bark Endeavour, Castlegate Quay Heritage Project, Riverside, Stockton-on-Tees, Co Durham at 3.00; and as Patron, National Association of Victim Support Schemes, will attend the play "The Trial of Penn and Mead", Court 4, Royal Courts of Justice, London WC2 at 7.00.

Princess Margaret, as Grand President, St John Ambulance, will open the Brierley Hill Divisional Headquarters, Bent Street, Brierley Hill, West Midlands at 2.45 and will open the Oldbury Divisional Headquarters, Birchfield Lane, Oldbury at 3.50.

Birthdays today

Sir John Arnold, former President of the Family Division, 82; the Marquess of Bath, 65; General Sir Jeremy Blacker, 58; Mr Tony Blair, Prime Minister, 44; the Earl of Caledon, 42; Mr Roy Cooke, former director, Coventry School Foundation, 67; Professor Rosemary Cramp, archaeologist, 68; Miss Carol Ellis, QC, consulting Editor, *The Law Reports*, 68; Sir Frank Ereaut, former Bailiff of Jersey, 78; Mr Robert Fell, former chief executive, Stock Exchange, 76.

Mr J.R. Henderson, former Lord-Lieutenant of Berkshire, 77; the Earl of Leicester, 61; Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh Martell, 85; Miss Tracy Mulligan, fashion designer, 35; Lord Pender, 64; Miss Eleanor Platt, QC, 59; Mr Alan Ross, author, 75; Mr John S. Sadler, former chairman, Pearl Group, 67; Mr Graeme Souness, football manager, 44; the Right Rev John Taylor, former Bishop of St Albans, 68.

Lieutenant Colonel Colin Mitchell

A Memorial Service for Lieutenant Colonel Colin Campbell Mitchell will be held at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London SW1, on Tuesday, May 20, at 11.30am.

Papplewick, Ascot

Papplewick celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year. Old Boys are invited to apply for tickets to a Drinks Party at The Caledonian Club, Halkin Street, SW1 on Thursday, June 12, at 6.30pm. For further details of this and other celebrations, please contact the Bursar (01344 21488). *Opposite the Racecourse*, the History of the School, is now available at £12.50 (+£1.50 p&p).

Service appointments and university news are on the facing page

Anniversaries

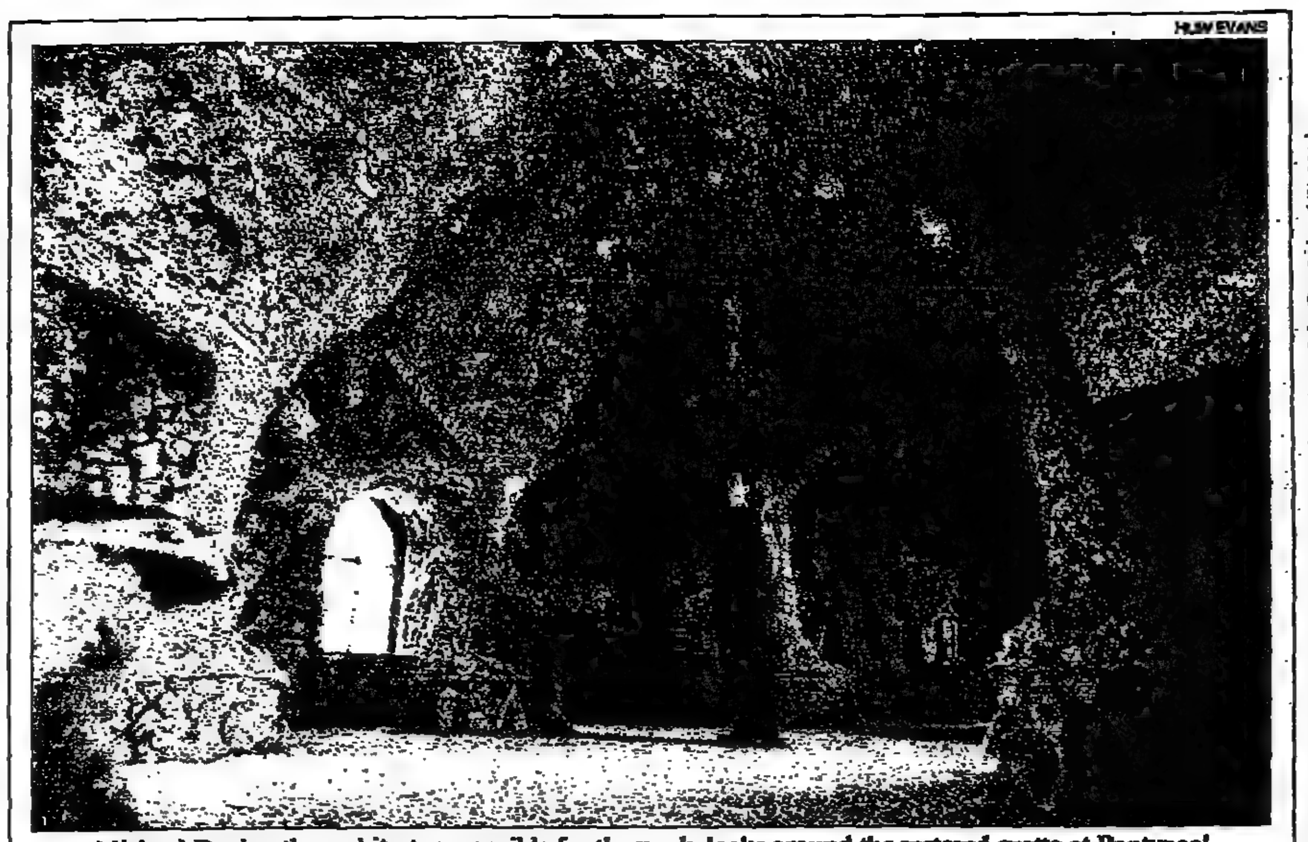
BIRTHS: Maximilien de Robespierre, French Revolution leader, Arras, 1758; Sigmund Freud, psychoanalyst, Freiberg (Pribor, Czechoslovakia), 1856; Stanley Morison, typographer and historian of *The Times*, Wanstead, Essex, 1889; Rudolph Valentino, film star, Castellaneta, Italy, 1895; Orson Welles, actor, director and producer, Kenosha, Wisconsin, 1915.

DEATHS: Cornelius Jansen, theologian, Ypres, 1638; Baron Alexander von Humboldt, explorer and scientist, Berlin, 1859; Henry David Thoreau, writer and naturalist, Concord, Massachusetts, 1862; Sir James Simpson, obstetrician, pioneer in the use of chloroform, London, 1870; King Edward VII, reigned 1901-10, Buckingham Palace, 1910; Maurice Maeterlinck, poet and dramatist, Nobel laureate 1911, Nice, 1949; Maria Montessori, educator, Noordwijkaan, The Netherlands, 1952; John Fergusson Roxburgh, founder and Headmaster of Stowe, Great Brickhill, Buckinghamshire, 1954.

Peter Minuit, a Dutch settler, bought Manhattan Island from local Indians for trinkets worth about $25, 1626.

The accession of King George V, 1910.

Roger Bannister ran a mile in less than four minutes at the Iffley Road track in Oxford, 1954.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Michael Davies, the architect responsible for the work, looks around the restored grotto at Pontypool

Shell-studded grotto is shipshape again

By Marcus Binney, Architecture Correspondent

A SHELL grotto that took a hermit seven years to create has been restored by experts in just three months.

The igloo-shaped grotto, which stands in a field at the top of a hill at Pontypool Park, South Wales, was completed in 1844 and was regularly decorated with fresh moss. Until 1980 it was used for shooting parties, one attended by Edward VII, but in recent years has fallen victim to decay and vandalism.

The architect for the restoration, Michael Davies, said: "Three years ago it was like a bombed site. Though the windows had been boarded up, children had made holes in the roof, and were jumping in. All the exotic shells had been taken as souvenirs but you can see where they had been from impressions left in the plaster."

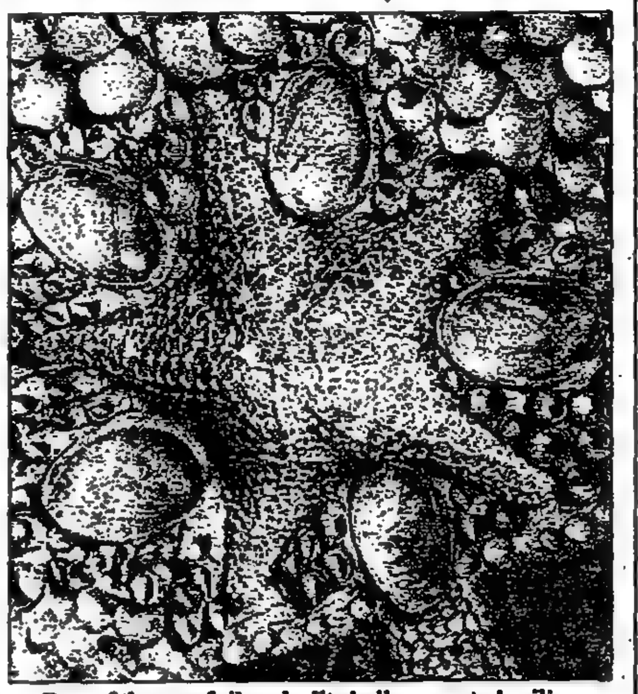
Despite the losses, about 70 per cent of the shells and pebbles used remained in place, set in elaborate geometric patterns. The interior was also studded with large lumps of coal and unusual minerals. "Big rocks were just stuck in the plaster, not mechanically fixed," says Mr Davies.

Craftsman from Evershot, the specialist contractors, combed the country to collect whelk, mussel, cockle, ormer, and oyster shells. Many came from a dredging contractor in Cornwall who had a mountain of shells piled up in his yard.

These have been used to reform spiral patterns on the columns and to reshape artificial stalactites. There are also stalactites — actually upturned stalagmites cut out from real caves. Exotic conch, nautilus and abalone shells have been replaced.

As the debris was removed it exposed the original floor, made of animal bones and teeth (mainly horse and deer) laid in a pattern of arcs and stars. "The bones appear to have been broken in half to create a jagged end which could be driven into the earth's floor," Mr Davies said.

The walls of the grotto are also inset with curving tree branches, elm bosses, lumps of bark and ivy stems. "We have had to inject the ivy with syringes, using a mix of ether and resin to give it strength," Mr Davies said. "Filling every tiny little worm hole has to be the most boring job in the world."


Part of the carefully rebuilt shell-encrusted ceiling

The £140,000 project, aided by a grant from the heritage lottery fund, was initiated by Torfen Borough Council, the park's owners.

The architect of the eccentric structure was the curiously named Stephen Gunstan Tit of Bath. The grotto was commissioned by Molly Mackworth, whose husband's ancestors were local iron masters who had bought the estate in the 16th century.

According to tradition, the grotto was painstakingly decorated over seven years by a hermit. If so, he must have been virtually the only hermit to survive the full seven years stipulated by Georgian land owners but then he had the rare comfort of a working fireplace with a proper chimney.

Institute of Physics

The following have been elected Fellows of the Institute of Physics:

Dr Ronald Atkinson, Queen's University, Belfast; Professor Jonathan Michael Blackledge, De Montfort University; Dr C Dolores Byrne, DERA; Mr Bryan Reginald Chapman, Leeds University; Dr John Christopher Earnshaw, Queen's University Belfast; Dr Rodger Baden Hake, British Computer Society; Dr Sook-Ying Ho, Department of Defence, Australia; Professor S Gerard Jennings, University College, Galway; Dr Michael Adrian Lee, Research Instruments Ltd; Professor Richard Lawrence Maughan, Wayne State University, USA; Dr Ronald Milne, Natural Environment Research Council; Dr Gian-Lucca Oppo, Strathclyde University; Professor Martin John Powell, Philips Research Laboratories; Mr Roger Wynwood Preston, National Power; Dr Michael Noel "Ben" Rudden, Northumbria University; Mr John Simson, W S Atkins plc; Dr John Stephenson, Alberta University, Canada; Dr Anthony David Surridge, Department of Minerals and Energy, South Africa; Dr Graham Thompson, Queen Mary and Westfield College; Dr Rowland Wynne, Welsh Funding Councils.

Service dinner

Women's Transport Service (FANY)

Corp Commander Anna Whitehead presided at the regimental dinner of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (WTS) held yesterday at Longmoor Camp, Hampshire, to open the celebrations for the FANY's 90th year.

Armourers' and Brasiers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Armourers' and Brasiers' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr Peter J. Fenton; Upper Warden, Mr John H. Hale; Renter Warden: Mr Gerald A. Garnett.

Latest wills

Walter Wheatley, of Churt, Surrey, left estate valued at £9,453,779 net.

Leonard Richard Stevens, of Effingham, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,696,129 net.

Edith Sophia Coupland, of London W13, left estate valued at £2,057,957 net.

Arthur James Daniels, of Binfield, Bracknell, Berkshire, left estate valued at £2,213,858 net.

Harriett Elizabeth Willis Gaunt, of Otley, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £2,593,623 net.

She left £200,000 to the RNLI towards a lifeboat on the west coast of Scotland.

Peter Banbury Walsh, of London SW3, left estate valued at £1,488,229 net.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.A.S. Jackson and Miss L.C. Mayhew

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr John S. Jackson and of the late Duilia Jackson, of Santiago, Chile, and Louisa, daughter of Mr Anthony Mayhew, of Whitesmith, Sussex, and Lady Ropner, of Bedale, Yorkshire.

Mr A.I. Macmillan and Miss C.S. Mullens

The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr Kenneth Macmillan, of Dulwich, London, and Mrs Carole Winterflood, of Isleworth, Middlesex, and Catherine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Mullens, of Kings Walden, Hertfordshire.

Mr O. Maland and Miss J.C. Reid

The engagement is announced between Oliver, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Maland, of Westmeston, East Sussex, and Jacqueline, only daughter of Mr Joseph Reid, of Billericay, Essex, and Mrs Christine Hancock, of Wookey Hole, Somerset.

Mr M.W. Power and Miss J.C. Gallagher

The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Power, of Sandyford, Dublin, Ireland, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Joe Gallagher, of Ballsbridge, Dublin and Bentley Heath, West Midlands.

Mr N.C. Studholme-Wilson and Miss P.H. Trickey

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Simon Studholme-Wilson, of Oxleaze, Gloucestershire, and Polly, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Trickey, of Sunninghill, Berkshire.

Colonel D.E. Travers and Mrs L. Butterfield

The engagement is announced between Colonel David Travers, late The Royal Green Jackets, and Mrs Linda Butterfield, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr J.H. Whittle and Miss D.J.K. McAulay

The engagement is announced between Jason Holroyd, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Whittle, of Pyrford, Surrey, and Deborah Jane Kadoorie, daughter of Mr Ronald and the Hon Mrs McAulay, of Hong Kong.

Marriage

Mr T.K. Salt and Miss J.J. Milward

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 26, 1997, at Landwade Church, Exning, of Mr Trevor Salt, son of the late Dr C.K. Salt and of Mrs S.M. Champneys, to Miss Johanna Milward, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Milward. Canon Cedric Catton officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Henrietta and Georgina Hine, Charlotte Hoare, Lydia Newton, Henry Langton and Maximilian Napier. Dr Peter Mattinson was best man.

The reception was held at the Jockey Club, Newmarket and the honeymoon in Italy.

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BIRTHS

CAREY - On 26th April 1997 at Salisbury District Hospital, Odstock, to Lavinia (née Guy) and Jeffrey, a son, Lucien Rowland Gousson.

CHARLTON - On May 1st, to Jane (née Siddall) and Hugo, a daughter, Lavinia Sophia.

GILBERT - On May 1st 1997, to Melinda (née Libby) and Christopher, a son, Bertie William, a brother for Genevieve.

LUDFORD - On 25th April 1997, to Susan and Paul, a son, Joseph Robert.

MASON - On April 30th, to Andrew and Louise (née Martin), a son, Charles Alexander.

TROSS YOULE - On Saturday 3rd May, 1997 at The Princess Margaret Hospital, Windsor to Karen (née Slay) and Simon a son, Nicholas Henry, brother to Alexander.

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

BRUCE - On our Silver Wedding Anniversary my strength, my life, my love forever. Maureen.

DEATHS

ARMITAGE - Peter MA (Cantab) F.P.M.I. F.C.I.S. on April 29th. Beloved husband of Isbel (née Fenwick) and a much loved brother, uncle and great-uncle. Group Pensions Manager of R.H.P. 1982-1989. Funeral Service will take place on Thursday May 8th at St John's Church, Danbury, Essex at 12 noon. Flowers or donations if desired to any Cricketing Charity. Enquiries Bakers Funeral Services, tel: (01245) 225876.

BELASCO - Bronwen Mary (née Lewis). The death occurred of Bronwen Mary Belasco (née Lewis) at Puerto Pollensa, Majorca on Friday 18th April, 1997. A funeral service took place at Son Sosec, Marratxi on Monday 28th April, 1997 followed by cremation. A memorial service will take place at noon on Saturday 10th May, 1997 at St Mary's Church, Rock, Pembrokeshire followed by interment of ashes in the church cemetery. "God Bless Mother". Enquiries to Roy Folland & Son Funeral Directors, telephone: (01437) 763821.

COCHRANE - Grace Hilda, sadly passed away on 30th April 1997 aged 98. Service at South London Crematorium Friday 9th May 1997 at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to Dowsett & Jenkins, 7 Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, SW16 2UR, tel: (0181) 769-3181

COTTLE - Betty 'Ow' devoted wife of John (Leslie) peacefully on 1st May 1997 at Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester. Much loved mother of Sarah and mother-in-law of Richard. Adored grandmother of William and Charles. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Abbotts Ann on Friday 9th May 1997 at 11.30 am. Flowers or donations if desired to the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Abbotts Ann c/o JNO Steel & Son Ltd, Chesil House, 6 Chesil Street, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 0HU.

DUNBAR - On May 1st, peacefully at home in his flat at Liss, Hampshire, John. Beloved and devoted husband for 54 years of the late Connie, much loved father of Susan and grandfather of Kate and Claire and friend of many. Funeral at The Church of Our Lady, Warnford, Hampshire on Friday May 9th at 2.30 pm. Flowers or donations, if desired, for St Wilfred's Hospice, Eastbourne c/o Jno. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester SO23 0HU.

DUNLEATH - Michael Henry Mulholland, 5th Baron Dunleath, late Major, Oxon and Bucks L.I. On May 3rd peacefully at the Ulster Hospital, Belfast. Much loved father of Brian and grandfather "Bumper" of Tara, Andrew and William. Funeral arrangements to be confirmed. Enquiries to James Brown & Sons, Belfast, tel: (01232) 461021.

HARBOTTLE - Brigadier Michael (ret.) on Wednesday 30th April, suddenly at home. Beloved husband of Eirwen. Very much loved father of Simon and Lindy, stepfather of Sally Anne and Rosey, and grandfather of Fiona, Stuart, India, Clare and Nessa. Private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Caroline Gourlay's Charity, c/o A.L. Sole & Son, Bidston Close, Over Norton, Oxon, OX7 5PP. Memorial Service to be announced.

HOSLEY - Beaty, peacefully on May 3rd aged 81. Beloved mother of David, mother-in-law of Jane, grandmother of Andrew, Joanna and James. Funeral Putney Vale Crematorium on May 9th at 11.15 am. Family flowers only. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Chelsea Funeral Directors, (0171) 352-0008.

KING - Constance (née Timmus) peacefully on May 1st at Kingston Hospital after a short illness, wife of the late Harold and mother of David. Service on May 8th at 2.30 pm St Mary's Church, Hampton, followed by cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o G.S. Keates, 49 High Street, Hampton Hill, Middlesex, tel: (0181) 941-4022.

MARTIN - Audrey Mabel died on 4th May 1997 five days after her dear husband Hugh Percy. Beloved mother of Angela, Anthony, Rosemary and also Barbara. Grandchildren Joanna and Sophia. This will be a joint funeral at St Peter's Church, Bromyard, at 2.30 pm on Friday May 9th. Family flowers. Donations if desired to Marie Curie.

MACKAY - John David Seton, peacefully at home in Tunbridge Wells on May 2nd, 1997 aged 75 years. Dearly loved husband of Jo. Much loved father of Clare, Di, Sarah and David. A dearly loved grandfather who will be sadly missed by all. Funeral Service at King Charles The Martyr Church Tunbridge Wells at 2.30 pm on Thursday May 8th followed by cremation at Tunbridge Wells. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Hospice in the Weald, or The Dorothy Kerin Trust, c/o T.W. Boorman Funeral Services, 31 Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 8AA, telephone: (01892) 541070.

ORR - On 3rd May 1997, David Lewis Davidson aged 88, beloved husband of Audrey and father of Ronald, Rosemary and Anthony. At his own request no flowers, funeral private.

PATERSON - Professor John. On May 2nd at Newcastle after a short illness, aged 73. Much loved husband of Evangeline. Father of Rosamund, Michael and Carolyn. Family flowers only. Donations to Tear Fund.

PIERCE - Peacefully in Honiton Hospital on 3rd May 1997. Mair, formerly of Salford, aged 65, dear sister of Leslie, Eileen, Ivor and Margaret. Funeral Service in Honiton on 8th May. Donations to: Friends of Honiton Hospital - tel: 01404 45983.

SHAW - George Watson on 2nd May 1997, aged 77, at East Surrey Hospital, Redhill. Peacefully after a sudden illness. Loving husband of the late Irene. Dearly loved father of Corinne and Deborah; father-in-law of Ivor and Ian; and grandfather of Carolin, Tom, William, Rachel and Edward. He will be in our hearts always. Funeral at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Balcombe Road, Crawley, West Sussex at 3.45 pm, Friday May 9th. Flowers to Stoneman Funeral Services, Doran Court, Reigate Road, Redhill, Surrey, tel: 01737 763456. All family and friends warmly invited.

SNAPE - Peter, on April 30th 1997 at Guy's Hospital, London. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Totnes on Friday May 9th at 2 pm. Garden flowers only if so desired to Halletts Funeral Directors, Rose Cottage, Moreleigh, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 7JH.

TAYLOR - On April 29th in North Yorkshire as the result of a sudden stroke, Joyce Lilian aged 80 years. Dearly beloved wife of Bob Taylor of Great Durnford, Salisbury. Adored mother of Patricia, Margaret, Rosemary and Martin and much loved grandmother of 12. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Great Durnford 13th May at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu for St Andrew's Church to I.N. Newman Ltd., 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 1HL.

WATKIN - Abbot Aelred (Christopher) Watkin, Monk of Downside Abbey, Titular Abbot of Glastonbury, died at Downside on Friday, 2nd May, aged 79. Funeral at Downside Abbey on Thursday, 15th May at 2.30pm. R.I.P.

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SHEPSTONE - Amy Esther Edith 6.6.03 - 6.5.96. Treasured memories of a very dear mother and grandmother. Deeply missed by all, especially on this special day. Always in our thoughts.

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Amsterdam, 6 May 1997
The Board of Directors

OBITUARIES

AIR COMMODORE DAVID FITZPATRICK

Air Commodore David FitzPatrick, CB, OBE, AFC and Bar, a former base commander on Christmas Island, died on April 19 aged 77. He was born on January 31, 1920.

David "Fitz" FitzPatrick took command of the RAF base on Christmas Island shortly after Britain carried out a controversial series of hydrogen bomb tests in the atmosphere in the South Pacific nearly 40 years ago. The six tests, carried out by Vickers Valiant bombers which dropped the bombs from high altitude after flying from a temporary airfield on the island in 1958, are still the subject of allegations by British servicemen who contracted various forms of cancer in later years.

Those of the men who have survived are claiming compensation because, they say, of their exposure to radioactivity at the time. But FitzPatrick, although he developed a blood condition related to leukaemia in recent years, always stood aside from the debate, accepting that cause and effect were hard to prove.

A top-grade flying instructor with two Air Force Crosses to his name, he had been badly injured in an air accident not long before his posting to the South Pacific in 1959. The Hunter jet in which he had taken off from the RAF Flying College at Manby crashed into a field, narrowly missing the married quarters, after its engine had cut out at low level. FitzPatrick, unable to eject, miraculously escaped with his life, but still broke his back and smashed his knee on the controls — injuries which were to earn him a disability pension in later years.

He remained on Christmas Island until the following year, as the RAF facility was wound down, before going on to command the air bases at Akrotiri — the home of a tactical strike wing — and Nicosia during the troubled 1960s in Cyprus.

He was director of quartering at the Ministry of Defence, responsible for RAF building projects for three years before serving as the RAF's representative on the Armed Forces Pay Review Body in 1969.

But FitzPatrick, despite his early reputation as a pilot, may now be best remembered in the RAF as a guided weapons (GW) specialist. After completing a course at the RAF Engineering College at Henlow in the 1950s, a GW theme ran through his career, reflecting the growing concentration on missiles as air armaments. He spent his last five years in the RAF as director of GW trials, paying a number of visits to the rocket range at Woomera in Australia, before retiring in 1975.

Yet David Beatty FitzPatrick might equally well have become a professional cricketer. Born at Harting, West Sussex, he was the son of a naval commander whose family had owned an estate at Bantry Bay, Ireland. He went to Midhurst Grammar School, where he quickly showed his aptitude as a sportsman. He subsequently opened the batting and kept wicket for the Sussex 2nd XI before the war and was close to winning a first-team place.

His ambition to fly, however, then took over. Joining the RAF on a short-service commission in 1938, he was posted to Coastal Command. After serving with a Sunderland flying boat squadron operating out of Pembroke Dock in the early part of 1939, in April of that year he was posted to 202 Squadron in Gibraltar.

With the Italian invasion of Albania in that month the Mediterranean was becoming increasingly tense and No 202's antiquated Saro London biplane flying boats were part of what was optimistically envisaged as an antidote to the perceived Italian threat.

FitzPatrick remained in Gibraltar until 1942 when he moved to 209 Squadron, a formation of Catalinas based in East Africa and took part in the operation to seize control of Madagascar from the Vichy French. From 1944 he commanded the squadron himself in operations over the Indian Ocean to track down Japanese and German submarines.

After the war, FitzPatrick was granted a permanent commission. He and his flying boats were to be back in action again in one of the first operations of the Cold War, the Berlin airlift of 1948-49. The Sunderland, that wartime workhorse of maritime reconnaissance, now proved itself invaluable, flying precious cargoes of coal into the beleaguered city and landing on one of its lakes.

FitzPatrick next qualified as an A1-grade instructor on jet aircraft; he won his first AFC in 1949 as chief flying instructor on Meteors at the Advanced Flying School at Middleton St George, Yorkshire, and his second in 1958 after completing a tour as wing commander (flying) at the RAF Flying College. His CB in 1970 followed his time with the Armed Forces Pay Review Body.

Then on retiring in 1975 he achieved another ambition by becoming a schoolmaster. He taught geography, French (which he spoke well) and games at Fernden School, Surrey, for ten years until the age of 65.

A stocky, powerfully-built man, "Fitz" was one of the RAF's best-known characters. Stubborn, resourceful and competitive, he was a natural leader whose down-to-earth style and sense of humour made him popular with subordinates.

He played cricket for the Combined Services and represented the RAF at water polo. He was a life vice-president (and at one time president) of the RAF Swimming Association, and was an enthusiastic deep-sea fisherman.

FitzPatrick married his wife, known universally as "Mike", in 1941. They met at a wartime party to which she had gone with someone else but ended up being taken home by "Fitz". She died of cancer nine years ago and he never got over the loss. He is survived by their daughter.

JUAN RAMON MASOLIVER

Juan Ramón Masoliver, literary critic and former private secretary to Ezra Pound, died on April 7 aged 87. He was born on March 13, 1910.

ONE of a small group of young Spaniards whose intellectual curiosity led them away from their home country in the 1930s and 1940s, Juan Ramón Masoliver had an uncompromising spirit which quickly won him recognition.

As with many of his fellow countrymen the seeds of that curiosity were planted in Barcelona where, at the age of 20, he was one of the founders of the surrealist magazine *Hélix*. But Masoliver, like his distant cousin, the film-maker Luis Buñuel, then made the pilgrimage to Paris at the beginning of the 1930s. There he rubbed shoulders with surrealists such as Salvador Dalí and the French poet Paul Eluard. He had gone to Paris to study at the Institut des Hautes Études Internationales in order to prepare for a career as a diplomat, but a meeting with James Joyce changed the course of his life.

Joyce, impressed by the young Spaniard's quick, unfettered intelligence, recommended Masoliver to his friend Ezra Pound, who was then living in Rapallo, Italy. Pound took him on as his personal secretary. Masoliver spent the years before the Spanish Civil War working for Pound, teaching Spanish literature in Genoa University and writing in Barcelona's *La Vanguardia* newspaper.

It was the start of a lifelong love affair with Italy and that country's poetry. It was also the beginning of a working relationship with *La Vanguardia* that only came to an end with his death.

At the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War in 1936 Masoliver, a convinced Roman Catholic, sided with General Franco's Nationalists and travelled back to Spain to enlist in the Regiment of Our Lady of Montserrat. After the war he became the government's press and propaganda delegate in the Catalan capital. But he soon tired of the restrictive Franco regime.

"He did not like the repression and did not like the Falange. He was far too unconventional for them," his nephew, the literary critic Juan Antonio Masoliver, later explained. Masoliver, ever provocative, would eventually define himself as a "monarchical anarchist". In later life he was a friend to writers of all political creeds and was always happy to run the risk of seeing his cousin Buñuel when the latter sneaked back into Franco's Spain in disguise.

In the immediate postwar years, which many Spaniards remember as a time of both physical and intellectual hunger, Masoliver provided nourishment for those who felt the latter most keenly. He edited a series of cheap poetry books, *Poesía en la Mano* (Poetry in the Hand), which gave sustenance to a generation of young writers.

In the last bulky tome of this series, known as *Las Trescientas* (The Three Hundred), he produced a wide-ranging anthology of Spanish poetry that stretched from medieval times to Lorca. A second series of poetry books, called the *Entregas de Poesía*, published the works of living Spanish poets beside those of their European contemporaries.

Masoliver had a nomadic spirit and soon recommenced his wanderings. As an itinerant correspondent for *La Vanguardia* he wrote vivid descriptions of Turkey, Palestine and the Balkans. He settled for a while in Rome and would happily have stayed there; but though he nurtured ambitions to become head of the Spanish Academy of Rome, they were in the end frustrated.

In 1953 he moved back to the family home in the small town of Vallençana just north of Barcelona, and from then on devoted himself to his four great passions: reading, literary criticism, friends and family. The house in Vallençana, converted into a huge library with some 15,000 books, became a place of pilgrimage for writers. Visitors could count on Masoliver to be as vehement, unconventional and enthusiastic in his views as he had always had been.

Masoliver translated into Spanish the works of Italians such as Guido Cavalcanti and Carlo Emilio Gadda and also wrote a book on James Joyce. His great love was the *dolce stil novo*, the early 13th-century Italian poetry, much of which he could recite from memory. A recent Masoliver lecture on the subject, timed for one hour, had to be stopped — as it ran into its fourth hour — by the critic's wife, Emilia de Vega, who stood up and told him: "Kindly do us the favour of finishing, Juan Ramón, it is very late and these people are getting tired."

Masoliver published a collection of his writing in 1994 under the title *Perfil de Sombras* (Profile of Shades).

Juan Ramón Masoliver is survived by his second wife, Emilia de Vega. There were no children.

TONY SARGEAUNT

H. A. (Tony) Sargeaunt, CB, OBE, former chief scientific adviser to the Home Office, died on April 8 aged 89. He was born on June 11, 1907.

WHEN Tony Sargeaunt was a babe-in-arms he was part of a crowd which gathered near Preston to watch one of the early experimental flights of the Wright brothers in 1908. He may have understood little of what was going on at the time, but it was later to seem like an auspicious start to a distinguished life in science and technology.

Henry Arthur Sargeaunt — he was known as Tony from an early age — was educated at Clifton College and Emmanuel College, Cambridge. From the latter, after taking his first degree, he moved to Oxford with a Rhodes Research Grant in theoretical physics.

In 1942 he joined the Army and was involved in essential work on the development of new tank technology. During the Normandy landings he was attached to Field Marshal Montgomery's staff as scientific adviser and observer for the Army during the Liberation of Europe. At the end of the war he had reached the rank of lieutenant-colonel and was acting as superintendent of operational research at the Ministry of Supply.

After 1946 he continued his work with the Army in a civilian role as deputy scientific adviser to the War Office. In 1955 he went to France as assistant scientific adviser to the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe and then was with Nato from 1958 to 1959. There he was the British scientist in the international group of scientists drawn from the Nato nations.

During the 1950s Nato was based in Paris at the Palais de Chaillot on the banks of the Seine. This was most convenient for Sargeaunt, who lived with his family on board a yacht which he moored at the quay near by.

Although he was a scientist by training and profession, Tony Sargeaunt's education gave great weight to literature, philosophy and the classics; his Cambridge tutor had expected him to present a weekly philosophical essay. These things remained important to him. Fluent in French, he took great pleasure in early French poetry, and he would read Montaigne and Pascal with as much enjoyment as Descartes.

He was also an accomplished sportsman. He kept wicket for the Hampshire 2nd XI, as well as being a dedicated fly-fisherman and a keen huntsman who rode to hounds in his youth and later was an enthusiastic member of the New Forest Beagles.

He returned from Paris in 1960 as scientific adviser to the Army Council. From 1962 to 1967 he worked as chief scientific adviser to the Home Office, where he was involved in developing the applications of forensic science to police investigative work.

In 1967, Sargeaunt retired from the Civil Service and moved to the New Forest in Hampshire. This first shot at retirement proved to be short-lived, however, as he was soon called to New York as scientific consultant on a United Nations project concerned with unconventional forms of transport in remote areas.

His lifelong interest in transport found more light-hearted expression in 1970 when he and his wife Doris commissioned a 31ft ketch and took off for the Mediterranean, where they made their base in Split in the former Yugoslavia. From there they explored the Adriatic and the Aegean with friends and family.

During the last years of his life Sargeaunt suffered from Parkinson's disease and his freedom of movement became progressively curtailed, but his intellectual training and curiosity remained a great comfort to him. He devoted himself to writing and research on the history of science, especially the history of early Chinese science.

He is survived by his wife Doris, to whom he was married for almost 60 years, and two sons and a daughter.

BIJU PATNAIK

Biju Patnaik, Indian politician, died on April 17 aged 81. He was born in Cuttack, Orissa, on March 5, 1916.

BIJU PATNAIK was one of the most colourful personalities of Indian politics, an aviator turned businessman and politician, who never quite abandoned his taste for flying high and courting danger.

While studying at Ravenshaw College in Orissa, he became fascinated by aeroplanes and dropped out to train as a pilot. He started flying with private airlines but signed up with the Royal Indian Air Force just after the Second World War broke out.

He soon showed himself adapted to service life and rose to become head of the air transport command. Among his more famous missions were the evacuation of British families from Rangoon just before Burma fell to the Japanese and the frequent trips he made from Hong Kong and Assam to Chiang Kai-shek's headquarters at Chungking in China.

It was during his time with the RIAF that he began to flirt with nationalist politics. To hear him tell it, he would use his plane to transport important Congress and socialist leaders like Aruna Asaf Ali, Jayaprakash Narayan and Ram Monahar Lohia around the country. After the "Quit India" movement was launched in 1942 by Mahatma Gandhi, he even used his planes to ferry subversive literature to Indian troops.

But, unlike the followers of Subhash Chandra Bose, who took up arms alongside the Japanese in the Indian National Army, Biju remained committed to the war against the Axis powers. Nevertheless, when his subversive activities eventually caught up with him, he was sent to prison for two years. Later he would boast that it was only the admiration of the Viceroy, Field Marshal Wavell, for his courage that saved him from getting shot.

When Pakistani tribesmen invaded Kashmir soon after India won her independence, Jawaharlal Nehru deputed Patnaik to airlift the first Indian soldiers into Srinagar. A few months later, in 1948, Nehru again sent him on a dangerous mission, this time to Indonesia, where he was required to pierce the Dutch air blockade of Java and bring Mohammad Hatta and Sultan Shahrir to New Delhi for talks. Patnaik flew all the way to Yogyakarta and back in an old Dakota and earned the gratitude of Sukarno, who later conferred honorary Indonesian citizenship on him.

In 1952, at the urging of Nehru and Harekrushna Mahtab, leader of the Congress in Orissa, Patnaik contested and won a seat in the state's legislative assembly. His flamboyant personality saw to it that he had a swift rise through the ranks and by 1961 he had become Chief Minister of the state. But it was a position he held only until 1963.

Nevertheless, during his brief tenure, Patnaik laid the foundation for Orissa's first steel plant at Rourkela and the deep water commercial port at Paradip — two projects which, three decades on, remain the state's most valuable economic assets. There were however, allegations that he had used his position as Chief Minister to promote his own business interests. An inquiry committee in its report subsequently indicted him for administrative, though not personal, impropriety.

Patnaik's estrangement from the Congress began soon after Nehru's death in 1964. Once Indira Gandhi, whose accession he had opposed, took over in 1966 he left the party to set up a regional opposition group, the Utkal Congress.

By 1974, he had allied himself with Jayaprakash Narayan, the socialist leader who was Indira Gandhi's keenest political adversary. Thus when she declared a State of Emergency in 1975, Patnaik was immediately arrested and had to spend more than a year in jail.

In the short-lived Janata Party government of Morarji Desai, which came in after Mrs Gandhi's 1977 election defeat, Patnaik was Minister for Steel and Mines, the only time he held office at the federal level. In 1989, when the Congress was again defeated at the hustings, he played a key role in getting V. P. Singh chosen as Prime Minister. At the same time, however, he decided not to remain in New Delhi and returned to Orissa, where he became Chief Minister again, a post he held this time for a full five-year term until 1996.

Unfortunately, in his second innings running the state, Patnaik added to his reputation for being mercurial and tempestuous. Quite apart from his skill at repartee, which always provided good copy for the media, his physical actions were often equally newsworthy. In one notorious incident, when an unemployed youth struck him on the shoulder, Patnaik turned rapidly round and slapped the young man's face. His sentiments tended also to be robust. Only last year he sparked off a controversy by declaring that the country needed a "short bout of military rule".

At the time of his death, Patnaik was a member of the Lok Sabha in New Delhi. He had, though, been kept out of the federal coalition government, thanks partly to his by now renowned maverick ways but also because several indictments alleging corruption had been laid against him by the new Congress Orissa government.

Biju Patnaik, who married in 1939, is survived by two sons and a daughter, the latter being the writer Gita Mehta.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Air Force

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Retirement
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Reserve appointment

HMS President
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University news

Cambridge

The Marit and Hans Rausing Charitable Foundation has given £2.5million to the university which will go towards building a new centre for mathematical sciences in Clarkson Road, Cambridge.

The benefaction will help those working in cosmology and theoretical physics reflecting Professor Rousing's interests. He and his wife have lived in England for 17 years.

A former businessman and a specialist in Russian affairs, Professor Rausing is now busy with private investments in Russia and the Ukraine.

Edinburgh

Honorary degrees
The University of Edinburgh is to award honorary degrees this year to the 1996 Nobel Prize winners Dr Peter Doherty, Chairman of St Jude's Children's Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee (Doctor of Science) and to Professor James Mirrlees, Professor of Political Economy, Cambridge University (Doctor of Science in Social Science).

Sir David Steel, former leader of the Liberal Party, is to be made an honorary Doctor of Laws, and Dame Bridget Ogilvie, Director of the Wellcome Trust, a Doctor *honoris causa*.

The university is also to award honorary degrees to:
Professor Dusa Margaret McDuff, Profesor of Mathematics, State University of New York at Stony Brook
Lord Clyde, Lord of Appeal in Ordinary and Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland
Professor Wole Soyinka, former Professor at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile. Ife, Nigeria
Professor Zsuzsa Ferge, Professor of Sociology, Eotvos Lorand University, Budapest
Professor Morna Dorothy Hooker, Lady Margaret's Professor of Divinity, Cambridge University
Dr Margaret Fay Shaw Campbell, musicologist, folklorist and environmentalist
Mr Ernest James Mehew, retired civil servant
Professor Desmond Gareth Julian, Emeritus Professor of Cardiology, Newcastle upon Tyne University
Dr Jane Goodall, Director, Jane Goodall Institute for Wildlife Research Education and Conservation.
The honorary degrees will be presented at graduations in July and December.

AMERICAN WITHOUT TEARS

Many correspondents have sent explanatory lists of American slang terms in response to the letter of 'Abuse' published last Saturday. The most complete is printed below:

Sir, American slang is used very loosely, and among those people whose vocabulary is severely limited a word or a phrase is often employed with wide variations:

Boloney - a derogatory term used in reply to a misstatement.
Broad - a prostitute; often, any young woman.
Break - a term used to indicate that circumstances are favourable (or unfavourable) to a desired result; it approximates the word "luck".
Bouncer - one whose duty it is to keep the peace by force if necessary in a dive (qv)
Bulging hip - this term refers to those American hip-pockets which bulge either because of a flask or a gun.
Big-shot - a prominent and dominating racketeer or gunman.
Bootlegger - one who sells or smuggles alcoholic beverages.
Brass-knuckle - artificial knuckles of great use in fist fights.
Black-hander - blackmailer; one of a group of Sicilians who carried on extensive blackmail, signing their threats with the picture of a black hand.
Cinch - easy; eg: "It's a cinch": "It's easy (to do)".
Craps - a popular dice game.
(go) Cuckoo - to go insane; used very loosely indeed.
Dough - money.
Dumb-bell - any extremely stupid person.
Dive - a rough restaurant or speakeasy.
Flop - a bed.
Frame - to arrange a plot, often by simulating friendship, for the purpose of destroying an enemy.
Flatfoot - a policeman.
Frisking - running the hands over the clothes of a suspected person for concealed weapons.
Glad-handing assassin - one who greets with a cordial handshake and murders with a pistol in the other hand.
Gabbing - being too talkative, dangerously.
Hijacker - one who steals (in transit) liquor smuggled by another.
Hard egg - anyone who is brutally insensitive.
Hot squat - electric chair.
Hoodlum - one who participates in a disturbance (eg a street fight) for no other purpose than to be troublesome.
Hot-dog (a) an exclamation of pleasurable surprise; (b) a peculiar sausage sandwich
Muscling - to enter either by guile or force where one is not wanted.
Moonshine - (a) grain alcohol; (b) any spirituous beverage.
Punk (adj) poor; unsatisfactory.
Pineapple - a bomb.
Put on the spot - to plot a person's murder by arranging that he be at a given place at a given time
Rake-off - a share in the proceeds of an enterprise.
Ritzy - pretentiously elegant.
Racketeer - one who makes a living by indulging in illegal enterprises and protects his position by force if necessary
Sob-sister - a sentimental woman; usually applied to sentimental women journalists.
Squawk - to turn State's evidence.
Sucker - one who is gullible.
Sap - a stupid person.
Speakeasy - any place where alcoholic beverages are illegally retailed.
Swell broad - an attractive girl.
Wise-crack - a joke; a repartee.

ON THIS DAY

May 6, 1937

When this rather condescending guide appeared many readers would have been familiar with words like "broad" and "cinch" from the cinema, but to translate "hot dog" as "a peculiar sausage sandwich" seems a shade pompous.

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THE TIMES TODAY

TUESDAY MAY 6 1997

NEWS

Labour woos Europe with honey

■ The new Government launched a charm offensive towards the European Union, promising a fresh start to its partners in Brussels but also warning them that Britain would not cede control of its frontiers or the national veto in key areas.

Doug Henderson, the Minister for Europe, brought Tony Blair's goodwill message to a Brussels treaty negotiation. He also formally outlined Britain's intention to sign the social chapter and implement it within weeks .... Pages 1, 8, 9

Redwood launches leadership bid

■ John Redwood announces his challenge for the Conservative leadership with a declaration that he is the only contender able to take on Tony Blair without having to defend the mistakes of the Tory Government. He claims that he can give the Conservatives hope for the future .... Page 1

Sporting choice

Tony Banks, one of the most boisterous voices in the Commons, has been brought onto the Government front bench as Minister of Sport .... Page 1

MacGregor role

John MacGregor has emerged as a strong candidate to take over the chairmanship of the Conservative 1922 committee and help to unify the Tories .... Page 2

Boys feared drowned

Three boys were feared dead after becoming trapped by the rapidly rising tide while exploring coastal marshes at the mouth of the Humber estuary .... Page 3

Young artist

The talents of a boy from Georgia in the former Soviet Union so impressed a London art dealer that he is devoting an exhibition to the prodigy Beso Kazaishvili, aged 11 .... Page 5

Cinema artists

Two posters that helped to attract cinema-goers 60 years ago are about to draw an audience. Film buffs are expected to pay up to £9,000 each for them .... Page 5

Badgers under fire

Vets have called for widespread culls of badgers to stop them spreading tuberculosis to cattle. It is the first time vets have backed demands by farmers for large-scale control of one of Britain's best protected animals .... Page 6

Medical triumph

Babies born without an immune system, and prey to every passing infection, can be cured if the condition is detected quickly, a US study has shown .... Page 10

French roadblocks

French lorry drivers demanding early retirementblocked major roads in France yesterday in a repeat of the strike that brought the country to a standstill in November .... Page 11

Boring election

President Chirac is under pressure to relaunch a French parliamentary election campaign that has been condemned as boring by voters .... Page 11

Chinese hopes

Tung Chee-hwa, Chief Executive-designate of the Hong Kong Government from July 1, called on the Government of Tony Blair to make a new start in Sino-British relations .... Page 12

Refugee appeal

Zairean rebels appeared slow to react to an appeal by aid workers to halt the use of a narrow-gauge railway after 91 refugees died in overcrowded wagons .... Page 13

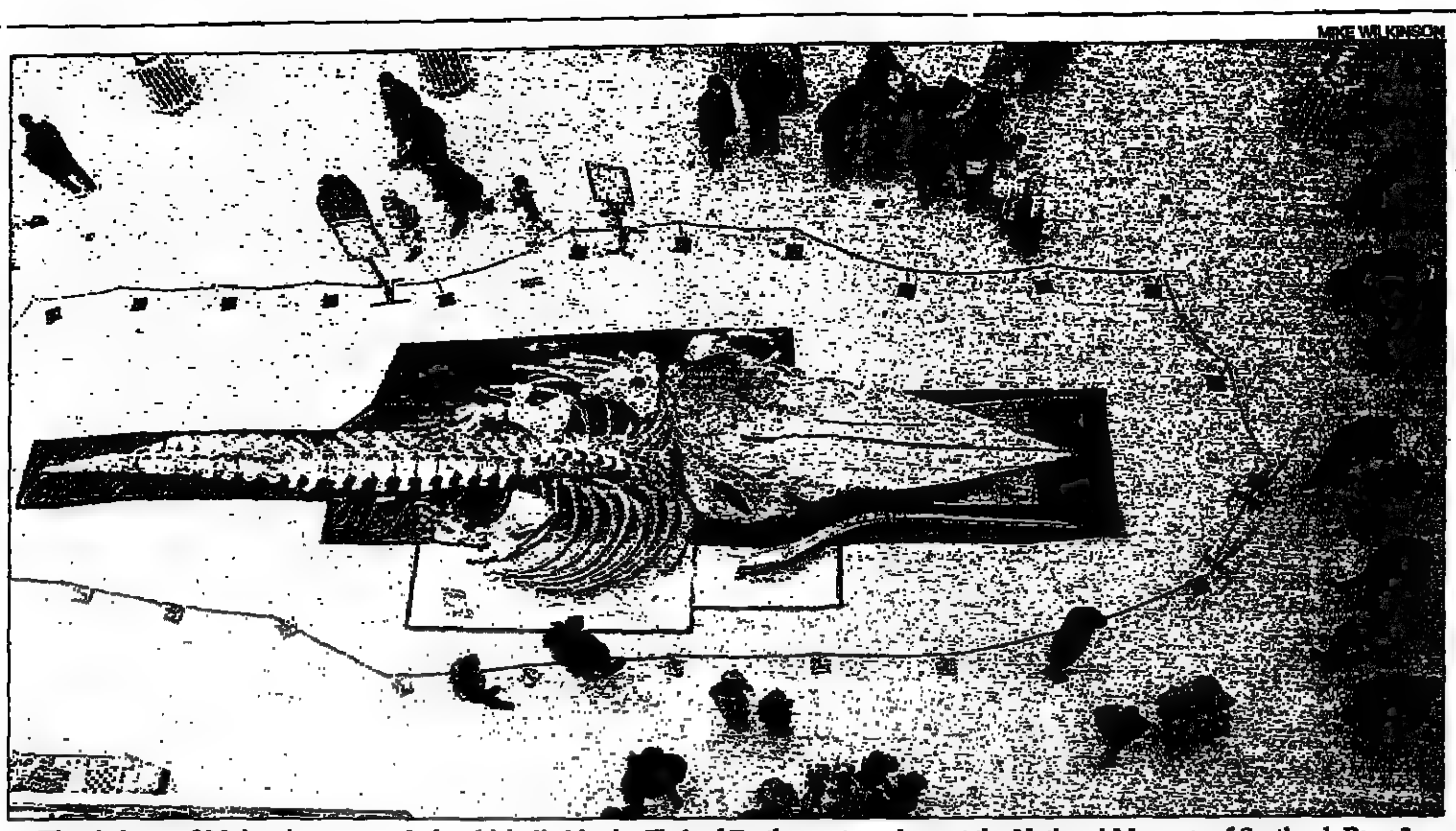
Opium threat

In the next month Afghanistan will produce enough raw opium to supply 80 per cent of the heroin market in Britain and the rest of Europe for a year and there is nobody to stop it .... Page 14

Can winter be far behind?

■ Families in southern England who spent much of the weekend basking, could wake today to up to an inch of snow as winter is blown back on strong Arctic winds. Temperatures, which had hovered around 81F (27C) on Friday, dropped back to 64F (18C) yesterday and could plunge today. Forecasters predict cold weather until the end of the week .... Page 1

MIKE WILKINSON



The skeleton of Moby, the sperm whale which died in the Firth of Forth, went on show at the National Museum of Scotland. Page 3

BUSINESS

Mining scandal: Mining investigators have damned an Indonesian gold mine, once hoped to be the world's richest, as the world's worst mining fraud ... Pages 48, 46

Social Chapter: British business has been warned that half a dozen new labour laws are waiting only on the UK's accession to the EU's Social Chapter .... Page 48

Utilities: Southern Electricity is fighting a crucial ruling by the Data Protection Registrar that it cannot use its customer lists to sell them other products, such as gas .... Page 45

Railways: Railtrack, the privatised company that was once the object of Labour loathing, could be the new government's partner to promote a return to rail .... Page 46

SPORT

Football: Manchester United drew 3-3 with Middlesbrough. United could win the Premiership tonight if Newcastle's and Liverpool's results go their way .... Page 25

Snooker: Ken Doherty stood on the threshold of breaking Stephen Hendry's recent Embassy world championship monopoly when he established a 15-9 lead in the final .... Page 25

Cricket: Kent and Essex became the first qualifiers for the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup with wins over British Universities and Somerset .... Pages 26, 27

Rugby league: A video official is likely to be introduced for the Challenge Cup final next season after at least one try was incorrectly awarded last Saturday ..... Page 28

ARTS

Art mania: The Photographers' Gallery explores the eccentric passion of collectors, in a revealing series of shows at venues around central London .... Page 18

Music man: A South Bank concert launches the celebration of the centenary of the birth of Erich Wolfgang Korngold, musical wunderkind and a Hollywood award-winner .... Page 18

Best of friends: The warm friendship between father and son is the real-life story behind *Kolya*, the Czech film that was able to walk off with the Oscar for Best Foreign Film .... Page 19

Thumbs down: Joe Penhall's new play, *Love and Understanding*, is more like an episodic soap than a piece of real theatre .... Page 19

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Slim chance: In part two of our series, the restaurateurs Nico Ladenis and Alastair Little give opinions of diners on a diet ...... Page 15

Party time: "It was difficult to get to bed before 1 am." Roy Strong writing about the Sixties for an entry in his diaries: Day two of a *Times* serialisation .... Pages 16, 17

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Courting Hollywood: "Lawyers who have had a hard day in court like to relax by reading a book, watching TV or seeing a film, so long as it involves other lawyers having a hard day" .... Page 37

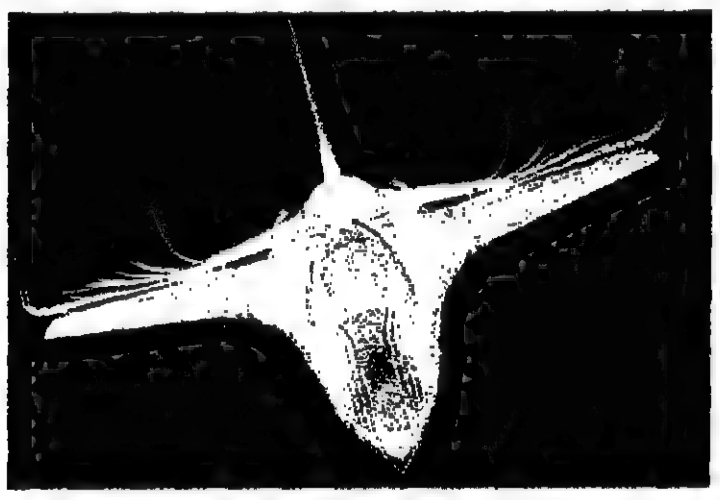
Changing times: What the new Government will mean to magistrates. Paula Davies on stipendiary apprehension .... Page 39

YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Scrap success: Little did Tessa Pearce realise five years ago when she advertised some materials left over from her house restoration that it would be the birth of an international business recycling building artefacts .... Page 41

THE PAPERS

The sparse turnout for May Day protest rallies in Moscow and around the country comes as little surprise. Most Muscovites used the holiday, and the brief spell of spring weather, to head out to their dachas rather than raise a ruckus on Red Square — *Moscow Times*



TOMORROW

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■ **INTERFACE**
Flying into our lives: the supercomputers that will run everything

■ **HOMES**
Borderline blues: how a prestige postal area or address can make all the difference to the price of your house

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The new leader

From the field available there is no sure and perfect choice of a new Tory leader; but a fruitless and prolonged search for the best should not be the enemy of the good .... Page 21

Across the Channel

With a new, young leader, Britain is all the more seen as a society setting the pace for Europe. Our closest neighbours are watching with fascination .... Page 21

Man's jackdaw instinct

Future generations of scholars and ordinary cultural trippers will find our collections illuminating as well as astonishing .... Page 21

COLUMNS

LIBBY PURVES

We were no longer timid, grumbling sheep, but lived one day as tigers. With a boldness that took the world's breath away the British electorate stepped into the unknown. We took a hammer to Granny Thatcher's crazed old dinner-service, knocked through the dividing wall and opened new vistas .... Page 20

JOHN REDWOOD

Europe cannot be ignored. It may well be rock on which this Labour Government breaks. It may well occupy much of the time of this Parliament, because so many major issues are now pressing for a decision. We should be ready, but it should not be our obsession .... Page 20

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Air Commodore David FitzPatrick, guided weapons specialist; **Biju Patnaik**, Indian politician; **Juan Ramón Masoliver**, author; **Tony Sargeaunt**, scientist. Page 23

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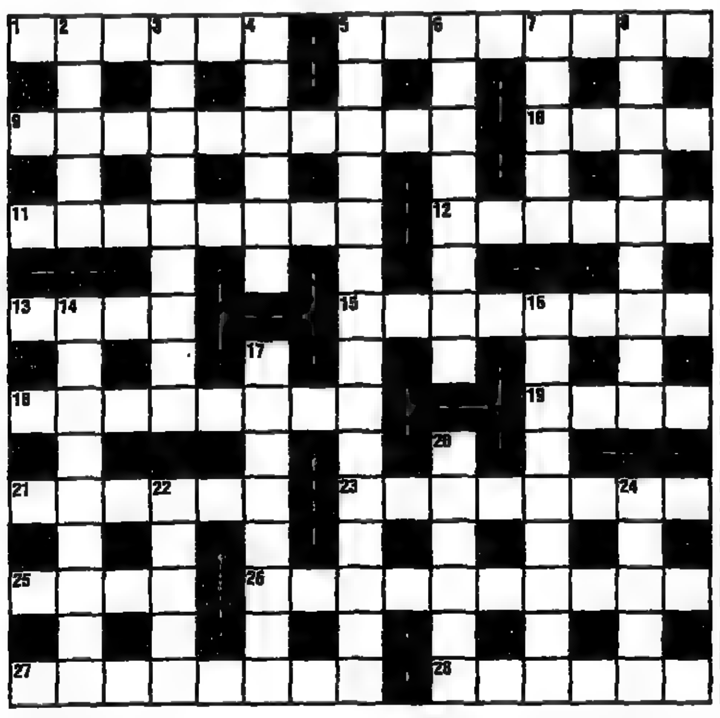

ACROSS

1 Section of foot demonstrating marching skill (6).
5 Request for quiet morning music in plant (8).
9 Security pass former gunners left behind (10).
10 Be apathetic when exercise is set by doctor (4).
11 Most worn clothing? Ties, possibly (8).
12 Keep commission (6).
13 Revolution of wheel failing to secure money (4).
15 Timing device one set to cover race (8).
18 Wenceslas was such an unconventional sort (8).
19 Dainty border flower cut (4).
21 Wool from Ireland delivered in short time (6).
23 Understanding of player shown by partner in an article (8).
25 Instrument taking neighbour aback (4).
26 Complete change for Grimes, say, on holiday? (5,5).
27 Fated to be discovered in clandestine delights (8).
28 Weapon Briton used in Australia repeatedly (3-3).

DOWN

2 Cowcatcher on the line? (5).
3 Ability to display bearing and latitude (9).
4 Speak softly, at first, in club (6).
5 Puzzle at chess once hard to crack (7,4,4).
6 Attractive old city in comprehensive guidebook's introduction (8).
7 Send forward or back (5).
8 Entrance into international match has added tax (9).
14 Copper engulfed by rowdy spree to bring charges (9).
16 Those forming school are so active socially (2,3,4).
17 Islander requiring comparatively small vessel (8).
20 Start business and expand (4,2).
22 Not fitting to sleep in it? (5).
24 Renegade leader given sanctuary in church by act of faith (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,471

QUIBBLER TWITCH
G A E A H N H
FLORENTINE LEAD
I G G N S E I
ANTICIPATORY
U I H A I W
ANON TEASPOON
S E A S N E M
ACADEMIA ROAN
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Manston, Kent 19C (66F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Aspatria, Cumbria 1.50in; highest sunshine: Eastbourne, East Sussex 11.3hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** low pressure will be centred on the North Sea with a cold unstable airflow covering the country. England and Wales will have frequent heavy showers of rain, sleet or snow. A more persistent band of heavy rain will clear southeast England during the day, finally clearing in the evening.

Scotland should have sunny or clear intervals and showers. Showers will be heavy at times, wintry, especially over higher ground, with strong to gale-force winds. Much colder air will be spreading from the north.

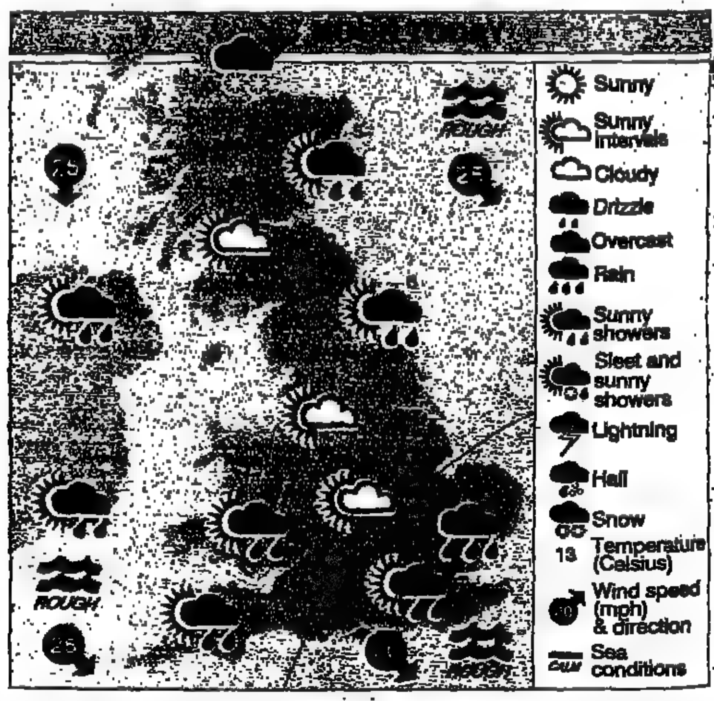
☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, Channel Isles:** rain, heavy at times, sleet or snow on higher hills, showery later. Wind southwesterly, moderate, becoming northwesterly, strong. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **W Midlands, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Central N England, NE England:** sleet or snow, especially over hills, turning showery. Wind northwesterly, fresh or strong. Max 10C (50F).

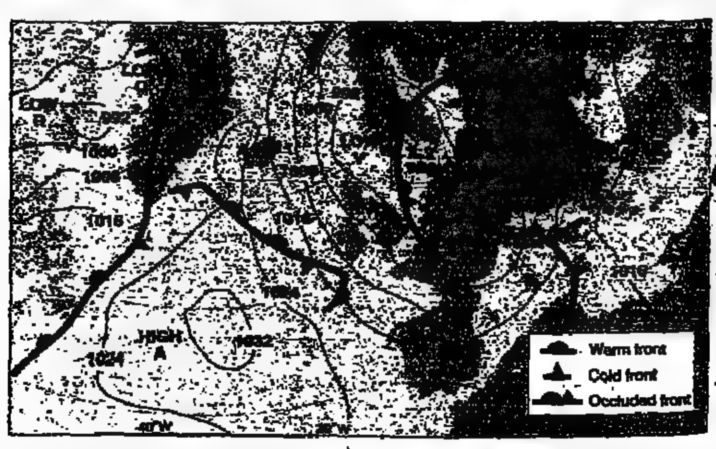
☐ **Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland:** clear or sunny spells, wintry showers. Wind north or northwesterly, fresh to strong. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** frequent wintry showers, blizzards on hills. Wind north or northwesterly strong to gale, slowly moderating. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **Outlook for Wednesday and Thursday:** wintry showers will die out from the west, further rain likely later.



Changes to chart below from noon: high A unchanged; low V will move north and fill while lows T and S lose identity; lows Q and R will move east with similar pressure



AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm. b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	X				
Anglesey	0.8	0.16	12	54	r
Aspatria	0.2	1.50	6	43	r
Aviemore	[illegible]	0.37	5	41	sn
Belfast	2.6	0.47	9	48	r
Birmingham	7.6	0.07	17	63	r
Bognor R	X				
Bournem'th	1.4	0.04	15	59	sh
Bristol	1.4	0.75	16	61	sh
Buxton	0.6	0.52	12	54	r
Cardiff	[illegible]	0.45	14	57	sh
Colwyn Bay	X				
Cromer	6.7	0.03	18	64	b
Dunbar	0.1	0.57	7	45	h
Eastbourne	11.3	0.01	15	59	s
Edinburgh	X				
Eskdalemuir	-	1.14	4	39	sl
Exmouth	1.5	0.06	14	57	sh
Falmouth	-	0.03	16	61	c
Fishguard	1.4	0.50	14	57	sh
Folkestone	10.1	-	15	59	b
Glasgow	1.1	0.20	9	48	sh
Guernsey	X				
Hastings	9.3	-	15	59	s
Hayling I.	6.1	0.02	15	59	b
Herne Bay	9.4	0.01	18	64	b
Hove	8.0	0.01	15	59	b
Hunstanton	X	0.13	17	63	sh
Isle of Man	0.2	0.17	7	45	r
Jersey	5.4	0.04	17	63	sh
Kinloss	1.6	0.33	7	45	sh
Leeds	2.2	0.66	7	45	r
Lerwick	5.8	0.02	6	43	sn
Leuchars	0.5	0.48	7	45	sh
London	3.9	0.01	16	61	b
Lowestoft	4.7	[illegible]	18	64	f
Manchester	1.1	0.61	14	57	r
Margate	10.4	-	17	63	s
Minehead	2.8	0.27	15	59	sh
Morecambe	-	1.39	8	46	r
Newcastle	0.8	0.46	6	43	r
Newquay	5.0	0.06	14	57	c
Norwich	5.3	0.06	18	64	sh
Orford	2.2	0.25	16	61	sh
Penzance	X	0.05	16	61	c
Poole	2.7	0.04	16	61	c
Prestatyn	X	1.00	12	54	r
Ross-o-wye	7.0	0.19	16	61	sh
Ryde	7.5	0.07	17	63	b
Salcombe	1.9	0.05	15	59	c
Sandown	9.7	0.02	17	63	d
Saunton Snd	1.3	0.04	14	57	du
Scarboro'	-	0.67	7	45	r
Shanklin	11.1	0.02	15	59	s
Shrewsbury	X				
Skegness	[illegible]	0.04	17	63	sh
Southport	-	0.93	11	52	r
Southsea	X	-	16	61	s
Stornoway	4.6	0.14	6	43	sn
Swanage	3.2	0.18	14	57	sh
Teignmouth	3.1	0.05	15	59	sh
Tenby	1.8	0.08	14	57	sh
Tiree	X				
Torquay	[illegible]	0.13	16	61	s
Tynemouth	-	0.50	6	43	du
Ventnor	6.3	0.02	15	59	b
Weston-s-mare	1.0	0.39	15	59	r
Weymouth	3.2	0.01	14	57	b

ABROAD

	C	F	
Ajaccio	19	66	f
Akrotiri	17	63	f
Alex'dria	21	70	s
Algiers	25	77	s
Amst'dm	17	63	c
Athens	21	70	s
B Aires	19	66	s
Bahrain	36	97	s
Bangkok	36	97	s
Barbados	28	82	c
Barcelona	21	70	s
Beirut	15	59	f
Belgrade	26	79	s
Berlin	19	64	s
Bermuda	24	75	f
Biarritz	22	72	f
Borde'x	27	81	f
Brussels	20	68	f
Budapest	25	77	f
Cairo	23	73	f
Cape Tn	22	72	s
Ch church	16	61	s
Chicago	16	61	s
Cologne	19	66	c
Corfu	20	68	s
C'phagn	11	52	f
Dublin	16	61	f
Dubrovnik	17	63	s
Faro	21	70	s
Florence	22	72	s
Frankfurt	20	68	f
Funchal	21	70	s
Geneva	20	68	s
Gibraltar	25	77	c
Helsinki	6	43	c
Hong K	26	79	c
Innsbrck	19	66	f
Istanbul	17	63	s
Jeddah	38	100	s
Jo'burg	17	63	f
L Angels	22	72	s
L Palmas	23	73	s
Le Touq't	15	59	f
Lisbon	21	70	f
Locarno	22	72	s
Luxembg	18	64	c
Luxor	25	77	s
Madrid	25	77	s
Majorca	22	72	s
Malaga	30	86	s
Malta	21	70	s
Melb'rne	18	64	f
Mexico C	17	63	f
Miami	32	90	s
Milan	25	77	c
Montreal	8	46	fg
Moscow	6	43	c
Munich	20	68	f
N Delhi	32	90	s
N York	16	61	s
Nairobi	23	73	f
Naples	X		
Nice	18	64	f
Oslo	10	50	f
Paris	20	68	f
Peking	25	77	s
Perth	18	64	s
Prague	16	61	c
Reykjavik	6	43	s
Rhodes	27	81	s
Rio de J	28	82	f
Riyadh	38	100	s
Rome	19	66	s
S Fr'sco	16	61	s
S Paulo	21	70	c
Salzburg	16	61	r
Santiago	22	72	s
Seoul	15	59	r
Sing'por	33	91	f
St'kholm	9	48	s
Strasb'rg	23	73	f
Sydney	24	75	s
Tangier	22	72	s
Tel Aviv	20	68	f
Tenerife	23	73	s
Tokyo	19	66	s
Toronto	12	54	f
Tunis	27	81	s
Valencia	29	84	s
Vanc'ver	11	52	r
Venice	21	70	s
Vienna	22	72	f
Warsaw	14	57	s
Wash'ton	18	64	f
Wel'ngton	14	57	X
Zurich	22	72	c

Temperatures at midday local time on Sunday. X = not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	02.01	7.1	14.32	7.3
Aberdeen	01.34	4.2	13.45	4.3
Avonmouth	07.36	13.5	19.58	13.4
Belfast	11.26	3.5	23.52	3.5
Cardiff	07.22	12.4	19.44	12.4
Devonport	06.05	5.5	18.31	5.5
Dover	11.26	6.7	23.45	6.8
Dublin (N Wall)	-	-	12.00	4.3
Falmouth	05.36	5.3	18.02	5.3
Greenock	00.34	3.2	13.03	3.4
Harwich	-	-	12.21	4.1
Holyhead	10.36	5.8	23.05	5.7
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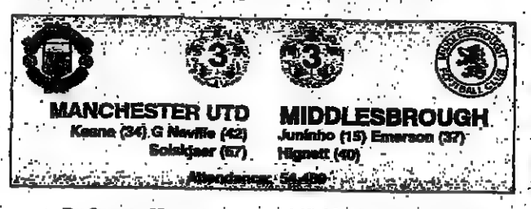
United draw closer to title in match which may cost Ravanelli his place at Wembley

Gain and pain for Middlesbrough



By Oliver Holt
Football Correspondent

THE match that had been billed as High Noon produced the shootout that everyone had been hoping for at Old Trafford yesterday afternoon but without the denouement. Manchester United and Middlesbrough, chasing goals at opposite ends of the FA Carling Premiership, lacked little for ammunition but forgot that the best westerns never end in draws.

In a splendid match played in teeming rain, thick with amateurish defending and the splashes of bodies sliding through deep puddles, United fought their way back from a two-goal deficit for the second time in three days to edge a point closer to the championship.

What once seemed as

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	36	20	11	5	74	44	71
Liverpool	36	19	10	7	60	34	67
Arsenal	37	18	11	8	59	31	65
Newcastle	35	18	9	8	68	40	63
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Derby	37	11	13	13	44	55	46
Leeds	37	11	12	14	27	37	45
Everton	37	10	12	15	43	55	42
Blackburn	36	9	14	13	40	39	41
Southampton	37	10	11	16	50	55	41
West Ham	36	10	11	15	39	48	41
Leicester	36	10	11	15	41	62	41
Sunderland	37	10	10	17	35	52	40
Coventry	37	8	14	15	36	53	38
†Middlesbro	36	10	10	16	50	59	37
Nottm F	37	8	10	15	31	54	34

†Middlesbrough deducted three points

though it was going to be a gallop towards their fourth title in five years has slowed to a crawl now, but they could still win the prize tonight without kicking a ball if Newcastle United draw or lose away to West Ham United and Liverpool are beaten away to Wimbledon.

Somehow, though, United and their quest seemed to be at the periphery of the drama yesterday, a supporting act to Middlesbrough's latest desperate attempt to drag themselves free of the threat of relegation that has blighted their season of cup successes.

Their collection of expensive, exotic foreigners hurled themselves around the swamped surface as though they had been playing on sodden English pitches all their lives. Emerson was inspirational in the centre of midfield, Festa was solid in defence and Juninho glided around as though he really could walk on water.

Even when Ravanelli was taken away on a stretcher with a suspected torn hamstring that could keep him out of the FA Cup Final and United scored their first equaliser a minute later, Middlesbrough refused to give up and took the rest of the first half by storm.

In the end, Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, who was given a standing ovation by the supporters who once worshipped him in Manchester, even seemed disappointed with the point that has thrown the club's search for safety back into their own hands. They are still rooted in the bottom three, but wins away to Blackburn Rovers on Thursday and Leeds United on Sunday would probably pull them clear.

"I am getting used to games like these," said Robson, whose side beat Aston Villa 3-2 with a last minute goal on Saturday, said. "I thought we did well in the first half but, after we scored our second goal, we slacked off. It is a vital point for us because it puts us back in touch with the rest. If we get another win, we will be on level terms with other teams and things will be looking a lot better.

"Ravanelli is going to be very doubtful for the final now. This is why we complain about having to play so many games in such a short space of time, because players are bound to get muscle injuries. It is very disappointing, but we will look at it more closely in the morning."

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, was giving out mixed messages, too, full of praise for his team's commitment and tenacity and for the quicksilver skills of Juninho, but livid about the rash of mistakes made by his defenders.

"I think that was the worst we have defended in the past six years," Ferguson said. "We have not done well at the back in the games against Derby and Leicester recently. In fact, we have lost 23 goals against the bottom seven teams in the Premiership this season. That disappoints me; but I thought Juninho was the best player on the pitch today. I thought he was absolutely magnificent."

Juninho was indeed brilliant from start to finish, tireless in his running, ceaseless in his invention, so hungry for the ball that he was almost tackling his own players to get hold of it, so slippery and elusive that United were powerless to thwart him.

The genius of the diminutive Brazilian ran through Middlesbrough's first goal like a rich seam. He started the move in the fourteenth minute by playing the ball in to Ravanelli and continued it with a run and another pass to Hignett. When Hignett drew two United defenders and then slipped the ball back to him, Juninho slid it unerringly across Schmeichel into the corner of the net.

Stung, United tried to reassert their supremacy and Beckham was denied a goal when his volley cannoned off Blackmore. Soon after that, though, Ravanelli collapsed on the touchline and a frenetic period of four goals in eight minutes ensued.

United equalised in the 34th minute when Cole slipped as he tried to shoot and the ball ran to Keane, who hit a low drive past Roberts. Three minutes later, Middlesbrough went back into the lead when Freestone, Ravanelli's replacement, touched on a pass from Juninho and Emerson lifted it over Schmeichel into the roof of the net.

Almost before he had finished dancing his samba in the rain, Mustoe took advantage of a rash tackle from Irwin and broke down the right wing. His cross curled away from Schmeichel and was headed in by Hignett at point-blank range.

Four minutes before half-time, though, Gary Neville, who had never before scored for United, ran on to a ball from Cantona and struck a fierce cross-shot beyond Roberts. Midway through the second half, Neville turned provider, sending in a cross that Solskjaer glanced into the corner for the equaliser.

United had a late appeal for a penalty turned down when Irwin appeared to be balked by Stamp, but, after the season that Middlesbrough have had, defeat would have been as cruel as Gary Cooper being shot by the last of the bad guys.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-3-1-2): P Schmeichel — G Neville, D May, G Pallister, D Irwin — D Beckham, R Johnsen (sub: P Scholes, 72min), R Keane — E Cantona — D G Solskjaer, A Cole.
MIDDLESBROUGH (4-4-1-1): B Roberts — C Fleming, N Pearson, G Festa, C Blackmore — C Hignett (sub: S Vickers, 75), Emerson (sub: V Kinder, 88), R Mustoe, P Stamp — Juninho — F Ravanelli (sub: C Freestone, 35).
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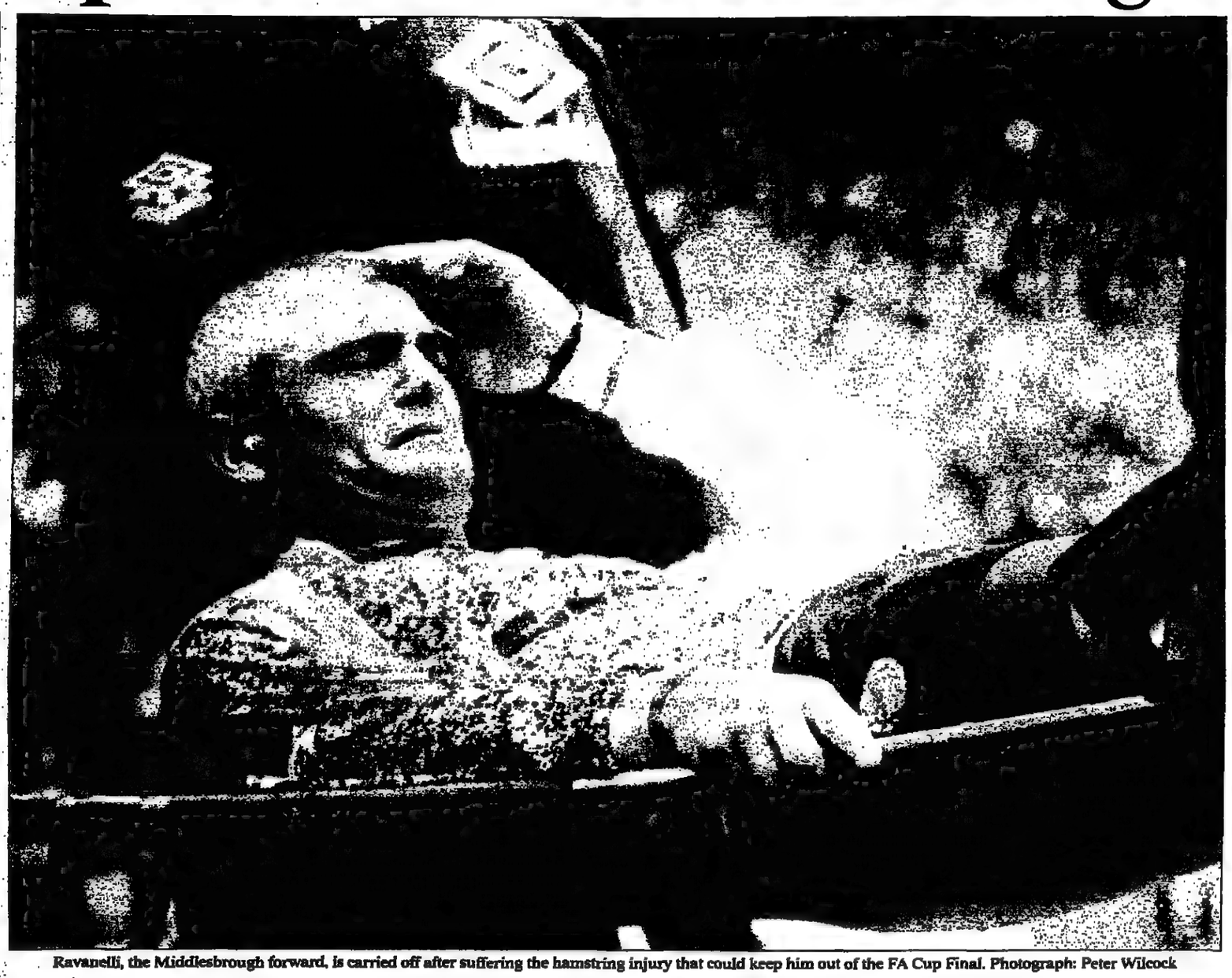


Ravanelli, the Middlesbrough forward, is carried off after suffering the hamstring injury that could keep him out of the FA Cup Final. Photograph: Peter Wilcock

The FA Carling Premiership match between West Ham United and Newcastle United at Upton Park tonight will be shown live on Sky Sports 1 from 7.30.

Doherty keeps Hendry revival in check

By Phil Yates

KEN DOHERTY stood on the threshold of shattering Stephen Hendry's recent monopoly of the Embassy world snooker championship when he established a 15-9 lead over the title-holder entering the concluding session of the final at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday.

Doherty required only three of the remaining 11 frames to become the first player from the Republic of Ireland to lift the trophy and only the second non-British winner, after Cliff Thorburn, of Canada, in the 70-year history of the game's premier event.

Yet the thought lingered that Hendry would re-emerge with all guns blazing in a last-ditch attempt to protect his 29 match unbeaten sequence at the Crucible, extending back to the quarter-finals in 1991, when he lost 13-11 to Steve James.

The huge financial incentive also ensured that Doherty would be forced to combat enormous pressure as well as a resilient opponent, the first prize — £210,000 — dwarfing the the £50,000 he won at the 1994 Regal Scottish Masters and the Dr Martens European League last year on his biggest pay-days to date.

Victory would also bestow upon the amiable Dubliner the unique distinction of being the only player to capture both the world amateur title and its professional counterpart.

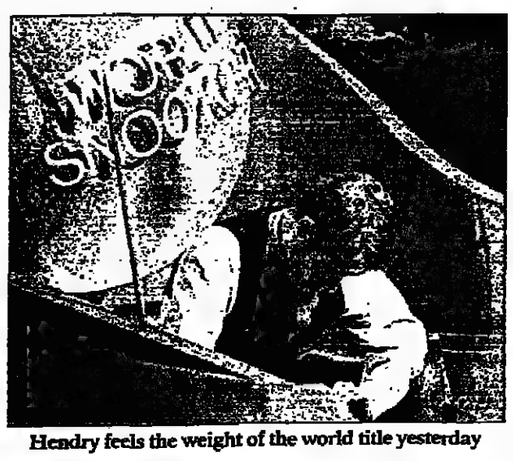
Doherty has long been a respected member of snooker's highly-ranked supporting cast but, when the the tournament began 17 days ago, his installation as a 25-1 outsider appeared a reasonable assessment by the bookmakers.

Trailing 11-5 overnight, it was clear that Hendry required a flying start to the penultimate session. That was precisely what he got, in the form of a 53 break to win the opening frame of the afternoon with few alarms.

Hendry's facial expression and general demeanour suggested the intensity, inexplicably absent from his game on Sunday, was back in place.

Doherty fully realised the importance of exhibiting no sign of weakness on which Hendry could thrive. He was mightily relieved to construct a 70 clearance in the next to regain his six-frame cushion at 13-7.

A run of 92 from Hendry in the nineteenth, during which he cued smoothly and authoritatively, once again suggested that the champion was in the mood to supplement the lengthy list of revivals that have earned him a deserved reputation as the game's foremost escapologist. In the climax to the 1992 championship, Hendry engaged overdrive when recovering from a 14-8 deficit to defeat Jimmy White 18-14 with a memorable burst of brilliance. Twelve months earlier, he edged Mike Hallett 9-8 for the Benson and Hedges Masters after being 7-0 and 8-2 in arrears.



Hendry feels the weight of the world title yesterday

With that knowledge weighing on his mind, Doherty displayed considerable mettle in pulling away from 12-7 to 15-7, at which point a severely truncated evening session appeared the most likely scenario.

Contributions of 35, 46, 52 and 33 assisted Doherty in drawing 14-7 ahead before a clearance from the last red in the 22nd frame, which culminated in an exceptional pot on a tricky pink with the cue-ball tucked under the side cushion, saw him forge on.

Tenacity has long been a trait associated with Hendry and it was this refusal to accept his fate that allowed the Scot to retain a degree of hope by accounting emphatically for the closing two frames of the afternoon.

Hendry needed only one scoring visit in the 23rd. He constructed a 137 total clearance, his fourth century break of the match, his eighth of the championship, 46th of the season and 395th of his career. A tell-tale sign that Doherty was beginning to be handicapped by tension in his cue arm came in the next frame. Trailing 12-32, but occupying extremely promising scoring territory, he failed to pot a straightforward red. Hendry stepped in with 43 to plant another seed of doubt.

Even so, Hendry's task remained mountainous. He could afford to concede only two more frames to extricate himself from a straightjacket cut from a cloth of his own inconsistency and lack of focus on Sunday.

The main danger for Doherty, it seemed, was being weighed down by the burden of patriotic expectation from across the Irish Sea. The Irish media arrived *en masse* in Sheffield yesterday, the final session was to be broadcast live on Radio Telefis Eireann and the overall interest in Doherty's progress was immense.

LATEST SCORE: K Doherty (Ire) leads S Hendry (Scot) 15-9. Frame scores (Doherty first): 67-7, 5-117, 0-106, 77-13, 78-9, 75-51, 69-11, 0-122, 12-76, 89-32, 62-55, 57-43, 65-12, 85-50, 47-74, 60-39, 23-70, 71-24, 4-110, 86-0, 86-16, 59-45, 0-137, 12-75

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CRICKET: RECORD PARTNERSHIP PUTS BENSON AND HEDGES CUP MATCH BEYOND GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S GRASP

Taylor's second century lifts Sussex spirits

Taylor: shrewd timing

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

HOVE (Sussex won toss): Sussex (2pts) beat Gloucestershire by 34 runs

SUSSEX will not dominate many teams this summer, but they intend to enjoy it when it happens. There was a noisy, boyish exuberance about them at Hove last evening as Gloucestershire, who had begun the day with a superior swagger under clear blue skies, were vanquished in the gathering gloom.

Neil Taylor, whose county career looked over when Kent released him last autumn, made the second century of his reincarnation and shared a stand of 208 with Mark Newell, an all-wicket record for Sussex in the Benson and Hedges Cup and the abiding memory of a decent match.

The total of 273 was too many for Gloucestershire, despite some vintage improvisation from Jack Russell, and credit is due to Nicky Phillips and Amer Khan, the inexperienced spin bowlers, who each took three wickets and bowled an intelligent length.

For Sussex, the immediate benefits of this success are dubious. It probably means that neither of these teams will qualify for the quarter-finals, which will leave Gloucestershire free to stage the opening first-class fixture of the Australian tour, an honour that otherwise would have passed to Sussex.

Such side-issues did not enter the equation last night. Every Sussex player wore a broad grin and, in the committee room, the gang of three who took over this club showed uninhibited relief. Victory might be materially insignificant, but its worth to morale is immeasurable: for a club stripped of its best players and starved of respect, any win tastes sweet.

Off the field, Sussex are forging ahead. Today, Robin Marlar and Tony Pigott, their chairman and chief executive, will outline their plans to Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, the chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board. These include a floodlit Axa Life League match against Surrey in August.

What the game yesterday emphasised is the character of the side. Whether generated by adversity, or outside scorn, the players express a spirit that will not easily be doused. Pigott is a lifelong supporter of Leicester City and he draws an analogy between the two teams. Leicester, although without star players, have thrived through team spirit, hard work and commitment. "I reckon Sussex can do something similar and that is the message I keep giving the players," Pigott said.

They responded appropriately here, especially after losing both openers cheaply. After 19 overs, the Sussex score had crept to 40 for two and Taylor, deprived of the strike for long periods, had managed just nine singles.

There was not much of a crowd, and those who had turned up wore the resigned expressions of people who have paid to watch a film and realised, too late, that they have seen it several times already. There was, though, to be a twist to the familiar Hove script and it was initiated by the enterprise of Newell.

In the side only through the illness of his elder brother, Newell edged his first ball between wicketkeeper and slip for four, but played very few false strokes thereafter. His driving was a delight and the impetus that he gave to the innings had a pronounced effect on his hitherto sleeping partner.

Taylor always has been a master of pacing an innings, imperceptibly moving through the gears. A swept six took him to 50, the last 44 from 30 balls, and he streaked away from Newell to finish with 116 at a run a ball. Alleyne and the two Gloucestershire slow bowlers were savaged as 96 came from the last ten overs.

Sussex now made the perfect start in the field as Monte Lynch was run out without facing a ball, Phillips throwing down the stumps from mid-on. Tony Wright played fluently until he and Young were both well caught by Peter Moores, standing up to Mark Robinson. When the fretting Cunliffe mishit Amer Khan to mid-on, the innings was derailed.

Russell, as ever, refused to submit, sweeping and swinging with calculated lack of convention, but Sussex held their nerve and still have a chance of progressing, if they can win their final group match at the Oval.

Fairbrother provides Lancashire with means of escape

By Richard Hobson

WALSALL (Lancashire won toss): Minor Counties, with ten wickets in hand, need a further 210 runs from 49 overs to beat Lancashire

FOR a period yesterday, the Minor Counties stood on the threshold of one of the most surprising results in the 25 years of the Benson and Hedges Cup. They restricted Lancashire, the winners of the trophy for the past two seasons and the giants of the one-day game for much longer, to 41 for five and held every chance of eclipsing the extraordinary feats of Ireland and the British Universities in conquering first-class opponents over the past fortnight.

Only the wiles of Neil Fairbrother and the support of the lower middle-order rescued Lancashire from humiliation. While it is plausible that the Minor Counties can knock off the 210 that they require today, the likelihood is that the Lancashire, suitably chastened, will claim the two points that they need to remain in contention for a quarter-final place.

Five of the Minor Counties side have been on the playing staff at Old Trafford and all seven wickets fell to men who had at one time proudly sported the red rose. Lancashire could not claim to have been taken by surprise. In fact, they were undone by the folly of their approach on a slow pitch that rewarded the patient but punished the rash. Four of the first five victims fell to catches after playing with needless aggression against the new-ball pair of Neal Radford and Marcus Sharp. The latter bowled his ten overs in a single spell costing just 17 runs.

Lancashire felt the need to improve their run-rate, having lost to Yorkshire and Derbyshire in the toughest of the four groups. They did not appreciate until the nick of time, however, that the priority was to earn victory whatever the manner. Gallian drove to gully before Crawley fell for his third duck in four innings in the competition when Fielding held a chance one-handed at mid-off.

Michael Atherton, resting his groin injury as a precaution, would surely not have perished in such a fashion. Even Atherton, though, might have struggled to defend the delivery from Sharp that pitched on middle and beat the defence of McKeown before clipping the off bail. Still Lancashire attacked. After a short break, Ian Austin whipped the first two balls through mid-wicket but soon edged behind, and Lloyd succumbed to a marvellous low catch at cover by Gaywood.

That the Minor Counties had surpassed all expectations was evident from their glee. With just six previous victories in this competition, such excitement was justifiable. Yet with Fairbrother demonstrating necessary vigilance, the initiative swung.

He put on 57 with Wasim Akram and then 101 in 19 overs with Hegg, who moved from 23 to 50 within two overs of being dropped by Dalton. Fairbrother, too, enjoyed a life on 40 and, by the time that Ecclestone atoned for his earlier mistake, Fairbrother had scored 62 from 129 balls. There is more to playing positive cricket than crash, bang and wallop.

Prichard makes the running in rout of Somerset

By Pat Gibson

CHELMSFORD (Somerset won toss): Essex (2pts) beat Somerset by eight wickets

PAUL PRICHARD has decided to lead Essex from the front this season and yesterday he could not have done it better. He opened the batting, made 114, his highest score in 54 Benson and Hedges Cup matches, and as good as guaranteed his side a home game in the quarter-finals.

For Somerset, it must have smacked of *déjà vu*. A year ago, in the same competition, they set Essex to score 250 to win and lost by eight wickets with 8½ overs to spare. Now they challenged Essex to make 270 and they needed only seven more balls to win by a similar margin.

Then it was Stuart Law, whose omission from the Australia tour party makes Englishmen shudder at the strength of their batting, who took Essex to victory with an unbeaten century. Now Law was outscored by Prichard, which tells you how well he played.

Between them, they put on 204 in only 30 overs to score a significant victory for what one will call proper batting over "pinch-hitting", the modern way of approaching the 50-over game favoured by Dermot Reeve, Somerset's innovative new coach.

"It is not a case of pinch-hitting," Prichard said, explaining the Essex philosophy. "We go out there telling each other to be in position but to play our own games. Sometimes they bowl the ball where you can hit it; sometimes they don't. Today they did."

The most obliging were the two bowlers who Somerset were relying on to defend their total of 269 for eight. Caddick conceded 60 runs in his ten overs and Mushtaq Ahmed went for 31 in three before retiring with what was said to be a niggling knee injury caused by lifting his cricket case.

It seemed a trivial complaint compared with what Prichard has been through in recent years. He has suffered badly from broken fingers and during the winter underwent a double fusion of the spine involving the insertion of two screws in his lower back to cure a problem which has been troubling him for several seasons.

He feels all the better for it and plans to open the batting in all competitions this season. "Somebody has got to carry on from Graham Gooch when he retires," he said, "and hopefully it will be me. I am not saying that I will fill his boots but I will try."

Prichard certainly filled his own boots yesterday. He reached his 50 out of 88 and was already past 100 by the time Law went to pull Caddick and skyed a gentle catch to mid-on.

Law hit a six, effortlessly helped over the fine-leg boundary off Kerr, and 11 fours in his 88 off 89 balls, but for once he was overshadowed by the compact, pugnacious Prichard, who had 17 fours in his 114 off 101 balls.

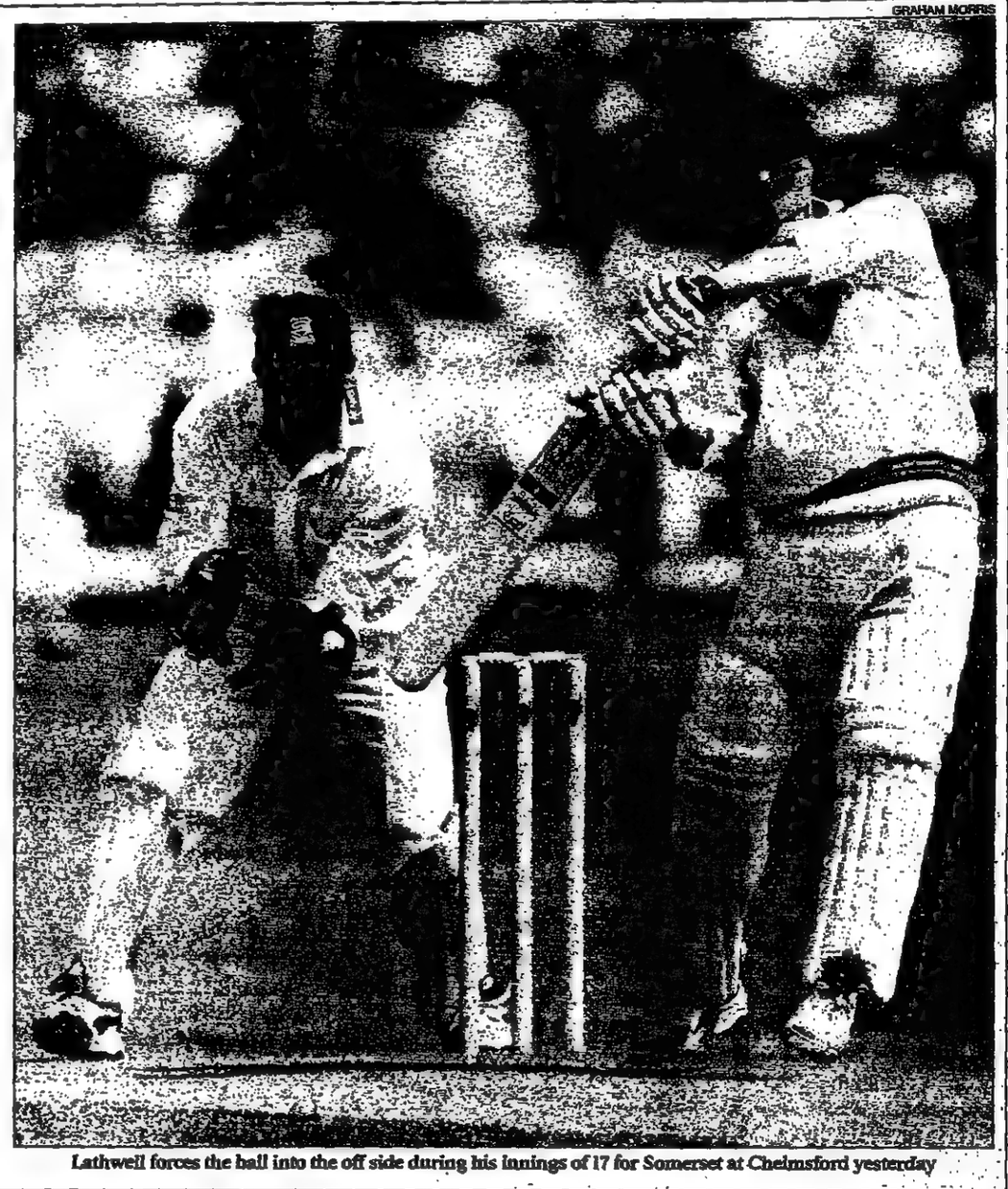
He was eventually caught behind driving at Kerr but by then the job was virtually done and there was no need for Caddick to look so aggrieved, when Rose, peering into the sun, put down a skyer at long leg when Hussain had made seven.

There were no further alarms as Hussain and Gooch eased Essex to their fifth win in as many one-day games this season, confirming the impression that they have the balance to be a major threat in all competitions.

The Somerset total had been built around a solid 91 in 40 overs by Burns, who was Warwickshire's reserve wicketkeeper last year but is now opening the batting for Somerset and bowling his medium pace as economically as anybody.

His only support among the pinch-hitters came from Mushtaq, who did not seem to have too much wrong with his knee when he was slogging 31 off 27 balls and it was not until the more orthodox Harden, batting as low as No 7, went in to make 64 off 67 balls that Somerset got anywhere near the kind of total they needed on such a good pitch. Even then, it was not enough.

GRAHAM MORRIS



Lathwell forces the ball into the off side during his innings of 17 for Somerset at Chelmsford yesterday

Tendulkar suggests recipe for success

SACHIN TENDULKAR, the India captain, believes his beleaguered team, recovering from a humiliating tour of the West Indies, lacks an all-rounder, a physical trainer, psychologist — and a cook.

"It is not a pretty sight to see players with vegetarian food habits struggling on tours," Tendulkar said yesterday after losing both the Test and one-day series in the West Indies. "French fries and potatoes is hardly the diet for a sportsman playing at the highest level of the game. I wonder if a cook on tours is the answer."

Tendulkar, who will lead India in the four-nation Independence Cup, in which they will play Pakistan, Sri Lanka and New Zealand, from Friday, spelt out why his team has won just one Test abroad since 1987, while enjoying a 16-2 home record in the same period.

"What the team urgently needs is a good all-rounder, a physical trainer and a psychologist or psychoanalyst," he said. "You look at international teams and all of them have some good all-rounders. Unfortunately we are struggling in this area and it hampers the team's balance.

"Ideally I would like to go in with five bowlers, five batsman and a wicketkeeper, but we are forced to play only four specialist bowlers because we do not have an all-rounder.

"I feel players need to improve upon their fitness. The team needs a physical trainer. Also, the boys could do with the assistance of a psychologist. We need a person in this area who knows the game well, one who understands the requirements of an international cricketer."

Loye makes timely amends for painful fumble

By John Thicknesse

NORTHAMPTON (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire, with five wickets in hand, need another 35 runs to beat Scotland with 23.5 overs remaining

IT MAY seem from the scorecard that Northamptonshire had a relatively easy ride in climbing to within 35 runs of beating Scotland with five wickets standing in their group B match at Northampton. The reality was different. Not only did they bowl badly and catch appallingly, dropping five chances, but, needing 161 to win, they lost five wickets for 94 through impulsive batting and might have been in serious difficulties but for Malachy Loye, who played the innings of the day.

There was irony in that. For though David Capel, at first slip, and Tim Walton, in the covers, fluffed chances they would expect to take at least four times out of five, far and away the easiest was missed by Loye himself.

Fielding on the edge of the circle at mid-off, he made such a hash of a skyer from Bruce Patterson that he not only deprived John Emburey of a wicket but cost his side two runs — one while the ball was in the air and a second when it rebounded off his cheekbone into open space.

Loye, who was reported to be feeling off colour anyway, was knocked out and did not field again, and batted — at No 6 — only because his presence was demanded by the precarious position of his team.

When rain stopped play, flooding an area close to the tarpaulin covers, Loye was 32 not out, including three fours and a superb six, a flat pull to mid-wicket.

If the ground fails to dry today — and the forecast is pessimistic — Northamptonshire will win through on a faster scoring-rate.

Emburey was unexpectedly forgiving about Loye's drop considering it meant he went wicketless through a spell of subtlety and wonderful control. Operating into a strong breeze coming from long-leg, he scarcely bowled an off break, delivering instead a series of flat arm-balls that drifted leg-to-off after pitching on the batsmen's legs. Such was his accuracy that in ten overs he conceded only 14 runs — one four, one two and eight singles).

As Northamptonshire's chief coach, however, he was fiercely critical of his fellow bowlers — surprisingly so, I thought, considering that though the pitch was grassy, it was dry and lacked even a tinge of green. "A county side should have bowled a side like Scotland out for less than a hundred on that wicket," Emburey said. "Seamers have to get the ball in the right area six balls out of six. I'm not happy with it and I shall tell them so."

Jim Love, 42, the former Yorkshire player, now Scotland's director of coaching, was predictably nettled by that comment. "I feel John's remarks a bit unfair on today's evidence, though it might have applied to some of our past performances," he said. "There is still a big gap, but you get the feeling on today's evidence that we can compete."

The home seamers, true, failed to compensate for the absence of Mohammad Akram, their Pakistan fast bowler. But David Follett, 28, who left Middlesex for Northamptonshire during the winter, produced balls of quality to have David Lockhart caught at slip, and later York Graham Hurlbatt, Scotland's top scorer.

Llong spares Kent's blushes

By Jack Bailey

CANTERBURY (Kent won toss): Kent (2pts) beat British Universities by four wickets

KENT are probably as well equipped as any team in the country for the limited-over game. Batting and bowling in depth and strong fielding make them formidable opposition. However, they were taken all the way yesterday by British Universities, for whom victory appeared to be a real possibility until Nigel Llong and Mark Ealham put on 172 from 21 overs for the sixth wicket, a stand which all but saw Kent home.

Llong was out to a brilliant diving catch at mid-off, just before the end. By then, he had done enough to clinch victory for Kent and assure them of a place in the Benson and Hedges quarter-finals, and also to win his first Gold Award. His innings of 75 from 64 balls contained 12 fours. It was just the sort of counter-attacking cricket Kent needed.

They had been tied down by Jones, the Bristol rugby full back, who illustrated what fitness, determination and bowling line and length can do. They also had looked likely to succumb to the pace of Boswell and the spin of Rashid before Llong brought an end to the aspirations of a good, if inexperienced, Universities team.

The students' innings owed much to Mark Chilton as well as to Tim Hodgson and Anurag Singh, already well known at Edgbaston. Chilton was firing on all cylinders when he fell to a marvellous diving catch by Matthew Fleming at short extra-cover. Hodgson's 60 came from 69 balls: Singh nursed the tailenders, played with good sense and, with a half-century from 69 balls, ensured that Kent would have to score 224 to win.

That presented no great problem, on the face of it, but struggle Kent did. Sharp and aggressive bowling by Boswell and a spell of impeccable line and length from Jones were chiefly responsible for Kent being reduced to 99 for five in the 24th over. Had it not been for Fleming's 63 from 44 balls out of 76 — and the serviceable edges which brought him roughly half his 11 fours — the damage could have been terminal.

First, a call from Fleming led to Walker, his semi-lame opening partner, being run out before scoring. Then Boswell's speed accounted for Ward and Fleming. Half Kent had gone when Cowdrey fell foul of a good ball from Rashid.

Rashid turned the ball more than anybody, but the left-handed Llong took bold advantage of the left-armer's stock ball coming into him and revelled in solid support from Ealham.

☐ Min Patel, England's spinner for two Tests less than a year ago, may not play again this season because of injury.

The Kent slow left-armer has been suffering from a knee complaint for some time, and on Saturday injured the knee badly during a club match. He is expected to have an operation later this summer.

Kent coach John Wright said: "It's a blow for us because we were looking forward to having Min linking up with Paul Strang this season." Patel, 26, played in the first two Tests against India last year.

TABLES

Group A

	P	W	L	NR	Pts	RR
Warwickshire	3	2	1	0	4	26.82
Yorkshire	3	2	1	0	4	6.11
Derbyshire	3	2	1	0	4	2.55
Worcestershire	3	2	1	0	4	-1.34
Lancashire	3	1	2	0	2	-6.38
Minor Counties	3	0	3	0	0	-23.19

Group B

	P	W	L	NR	Pts	RR
Leicestershire	2	2	0	0	4	42.50
Durham	3	2	1	0	4	23.77
Warwicks	2	1	1	0	2	4.33
Notts	3	1	2	0	2	-13.07
Scotland	2	0	2	0	0	-63.28

Group C

	P	W	L	NR	Pts	RR
Kent	4	4	0	0	9	9.85
Surrey	4	3	1	0	6	35.36
Gloucestershire	4	2	2	0	4	7.08
Sussex	4	2	2	0	4	0.72
British Univs	4	1	3	0	2	-21.94
Hampshire	4	0	4	0	0	-20.06

Group D

	P	W	L	NR	Pts	RR
Essex	3	3	0	0	6	9.54
Somerset	3	2	1	0	4	37.17
Glamorgan	3	1	2	0	2	-18.79
Ireland	2	1	1	0	2	-29.17
Middlesex	3	0	3	0	0	-6.00

Smith fires opening salvo

By Ivo Tennant

EDGBASTON (Warwickshire won toss): Yorkshire, with ten wickets in hand, need 220 runs to beat Warwickshire

THERE is no stronger group in the Benson and Hedges Cup this year than the one into which Warwickshire and Yorkshire have been cast. By the end of a day's play spoilt by numerous interruptions for rain, and light as opaque as it can be for the time of year, neither county was any nearer resolving qualification for the quarter-finals.

Yorkshire, who, like Warwickshire, have won two of their three matches in group A, resume today needing 220 off a further 45 overs, with all their wickets intact. If that would appear to indicate a target well within their compass, it should be mentioned that the weather forecast is again poor, the ball has been darting around and no batsman, save perhaps for Neil Smith, has managed to surmount the conditions. This has the makings of a fascinating contest, rain permitting.

In one sense, it was an intriguing contest yesterday. Warwickshire had apparently included Michael Edmond in their side, but, come mid-afternoon, it was discovered that Gladstone Small was playing instead. He was not required to bat, so there was no possible repetition of play being held up, as happened at Canterbury in Kent's opening championship match, against Derbyshire.

Andy Moles, the Warwickshire captain, said that he had given Small's name to David Byas, his opposite number, who accepted the situation. The public were merely bemused.

By then, Warwickshire had used up their allotted 50 overs. Several batsmen seemed likely to build an innings and failed to do so, Ostler and Hemp in particular.

Ultimately, only a partnership of 39 off the last six overs between Giles — a useful player to have coming in at No 9 — and Donald brought about a respectable total. Sixteen came off the final over, bowled by Hartley. He was the most expensive element of an attack that was, for the most part, frugal.

Smith, unlike some batsmen — Vasbert Drakes, of Sussex, comes to mind — knows how to make the most of the opening overs of an innings in one-day cricket. The shot that brought about his dismissal yesterday was an ugly one, but that will not particularly concern him in this form of the game. His innings of 57 came off 61 balls and included nine fours.

Moles, returning to the side, had gone cheaply, playing on to Gough. Brown chipped White's first ball to short mid-wicket. Hemp looked the part, but then he often did when he was with Glamorgan. He was bowled hitting across the line in Vaughan's first over.

Neither Ostler nor Penney properly built an innings, which meant that the runs at the end were all the more valuable. There was time for only five overs of Yorkshire's reply before the gloaming descended.

CRICKET

Hollioake makes the difference for Surrey

BY SIMON WILDE

SOUTHAMPTON (Surrey won toss): Surrey (2pts) beat Hampshire by 165 runs

ADAM HOLLIOAKE has deservedly gained a reputation as one of the best and most inventive one-day cricketers in the country, and he amply demonstrated why at Northlands Road yesterday.

The Surrey captain's innings of 80, surprisingly easily his highest in the Benson and Hedges Cup, was also comfortably the highest of a match played on a pitch that frustrated strokeplay and was altogether inadequate for a limited-overs game.

It was a performance that separated the teams, Hampshire, quite unable to match their opponents' creditable total of 228 for nine, capitulating miserably to be all out for 63 and scraping past their lowest total in the competition — 50 at Headingley in 1991 — to ironic cheers from their supporters.

Hollioake came to the wicket with Surrey in disarray at 22 for four, a dreadful start which Hampshire, who have begun the season in miserable fashion, comfortably eclipsed. They lost their fourth wicket — the key one of Smith — with the total on 19.

The difference was that Surrey recovered and Hollioake was the man responsible, ably helped in a stand of 138 in 28 overs by Shahid, who made 52 before being run out going for a nonexistent second run to third man. It was a rare error during a partnership in which circumspection and enterprise were expertly mixed.

They were the only batsmen to score more than 22 in a game dominated by bowlers. Simon Renshaw, 23, took six for 25, the best figures returned for Hampshire in the competition, suggesting that the county may at least have found a new-ball bowler capable of providing the cutting edge they crave. For Surrey, Bicknell took three for 20 and Benjamin four for 19.

Well as they all bowled and superbly as both teams fielded — the pick of several excellent catches was the high, one-handed effort of Ben Hollioake to remove Mascarenhas — several frontline batsmen will be ashamed of their parting strokes.

Brown was caught at extra cover off a leading edge in the first over of the day and Renshaw, suitably encouraged, maintained a good line for the rest of his spell. The younger Hollioake also found the ball was not quite there for his shot and sliced a drive into the hands of third man and, when Stewart and Thorpe also played inappropriate shots to Maru and Renshaw respectively, Surrey were contemplating an unexpected defeat.

Adam Hollioake enjoyed an early escape when another leading edge off Renshaw fell short of mid-on, but he soon adjusted to conditions by going down the wicket to the seamers and staying his ground to late-cut Udal's off spin. He fell to a running catch by Stephenson after trying to hit Renshaw over the top.

This was a timely performance to put before David Lloyd, the England coach, and was in stark contrast to that of Smith, who tamely pulled the ball into the hands of midwicket. Nor did Hayden, Hampshire's Australian opener, cover himself in glory, topedging a pull which the diving Knott held on to splendidly.

Surrey are now well placed to qualify from Group C — unlike Hampshire, who have lost all six of their one-day matches this season.

GAVIN FOGG

Barnett swings Haynes to the boundary during the brief passage of play yesterday

Cork out of Texaco Trophy

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

DERBY (Worcestershire won toss): Derbyshire have made 32 without loss against Worcestershire.

THE England selectors sent Mike Gatting on a mission to Derby yesterday, partly to put another friendly arm around Dominic Cork, but he returned to London neither wiser nor better informed. Heavy rain intervened in the eighth over of the Derbyshire innings, and more is forecast today, making a resumption unlikely.

Cork, who is still troubled by a groin injury, was not on the ground, and may be missing for another three weeks, which rules him out of consideration for the three one-day internationals against Australia towards the end of the month.

Before Gatting went home, he spoke to Dean Jones, the Derbyshire captain, about Cork and other matters, to mark his latest card as a Test selector.

Jones remains optimistic about Cork's ability to put injury, and loss of form, behind him. "If he is fully fit, Cork will be a huge asset to England," Jones said. "The main problem is that he is injured, and it may be another three weeks before he is fit. He has a huge amount of ability and, when he is on song, he can do wonderful things.

"He has gone through a few things in the past year, but the Derbyshire boys are trying to rally round him and give him their full support.

"I have no doubt that he will get himself right if he gets his body right.

"He is upset because he has not done well for England recently. He took seven wickets on his Test debut and is trying to emulate that deed day in, day out, which is very hard.

"Cricket is an ugly game at times and it has straightened him out a little bit."

GOLF

Langer adds strength to Ryder Cup cause

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

FOR supporters of golf in Great Britain and Ireland and throughout the rest of Europe, there was much to cheer about in a Ryder and Walker Cups year after the results from the professional and amateur events over the weekend.

Who knows, perhaps a slight smile may be hovering over the normally sombre features of Severiano Ballesteros, the Europe captain in the Ryder Cup, at the way his team is shaping up after the conclusion of the Italian Open on Sunday.

Equally, the form of some of Britain and Ireland's leading amateurs in the Lytham and Berkshire Trophies means that the prospects for the Walker Cup in August look a little rosier than last week.

A Ryder Cup team without the doggedness and experience of Bernhard Langer would be difficult to contemplate. On form, Langer is certainly among the ten best golfers in Europe. Even before his startling performance in giving José Maria Olazábal a three-stroke start and beating him in the Italian Open on Sunday, there had been signs of an improvement in Langer's fortunes.

Langer is now sixth in the Ryder Cup table and, with Olazábal moving into tenth position after only seven events since his comeback, it is beginning to look as though both men could qualify for Ballesteros's team in their own right.

This would ease the captain's worries as to who his two selections would be.

No less commanding than Langer's 64 in Brescia was Graham Rankin's emphatic nine-stroke victory in the Lytham Trophy — and no less impressive than that was Gary Wolstenholme's courageous par, par, birdie finish to snatch the Berkshire Trophy from under the nose of Henrik Stenson. Stenson, 21, from Sweden, is another of the highly promising youngsters produced by that country's golf programme.

Rankin, a bricklayer's labourer from Cumbernauld, has been notable for being a big hitter and almost as big an eater, competing in the 1995 Walker Cup, and being described by his friend, Barclay Howard, as "having the brains of a rocking horse".

A former Scotland international who played against Rankin earlier this year said that he was "very impressed" by Rankin. "He hits the ball miles."

Rankin's power will be useful at the long course of Quaker Ridge, the site of the Walker Cup. At Lytham, Rankin seemed hellbent on putting behind him the events of last season, when the Scottish Golf Union disciplined him for speaking out of turn by dropping him from the team for the home internationals. His 67 in the third round, on a day when the standard scratch was 74, was almost as good as Langer's 64 at Brescia.

All in all, the Lytham Trophy was a hospitable place for the Scots, who had four players among the top five and five in the top seven. Howard finished third, Roger Beames, the low-hitting amateur from Wick who was beaten in the final of the Amateur last summer, was fourth, and Michael Brooks, the Scottish amateur champion, sixth.

Rankin, Howard, Brooks and Wolstenholme will be the nucleus of the team against the United States on August 9 and 10.

Howard continues to demonstrate an unrivalled appetite for golf. After an enforced break from the game a few years ago, he is now, in his mid-40s, playing the best golf of his life and, arguably, is the best amateur in Britain.

In fact, the only dissonant note in amateur events was the continued clash between the Lytham and Berkshire Trophies, which weakens the fields of both. Surely the English Golf Union can knock some sense into the two host clubs so that the clash can be avoided next year.

Tammie Green, of the United States, withstood the challenge of Annika Sorenstam, of Sweden, to win the Sprint Titleholders Championship at Daytona Beach, Florida, on Sunday. Green finished with a 72, for a total of 274, 14 under par, to win by two shots.

IN BRIEF

Manning survives course changes

FLOODED roads on the approach to Medlock Head, near Manchester, meant a last-minute re-routing and a shortened course in the final stage of the Tour of Manchester cycle race yesterday (Peter Bryan writes).

The stage, one large loop of 58 miles, was followed by an amended finishing circuit which reduced the day's distance to 70 miles and the overall mileage to 220.

Paul Manning, who took the race leader's yellow jersey on Saturday, held off all challengers to win overall from Kevin Dawson by 28 seconds; Simon Bray was third, at 35 seconds. Joe Bayfield, the runner-up last year, won the Manchester to Manchester stage, after shaking off Matthew Beckett ten miles from the end.

McRae third

Motor rallying: Colin McRae, of Great Britain, lost 14 seconds on the second special stage after setting the pace in his Subaru Impreza in the opening timed section of the Tour of Corsica. He lay third after the first day of the tour, the sixth round in the world championship.

Gilles Panizzi and Francois Delecour, both of France, held the first two places in Peugeot 306s. Tommi Makinen, the world champion from Finland, was sixth in a Mitsubishi Lancer, behind Carlos Sainz a former world champion from Spain, at the wheel of a Ford Escort.

Kingston's crown

Hockey: Kingston Grammar School stormed to a 5-3 victory after being 3-1 down to Millfield, from Somerset, in the under-18 final of the RAF Careers Youth Cup tournament at Milton Keynes yesterday. After having three players suspended for minor offences in the second half, Kingston recovered their composure when restored to full strength and scored four goals in the last 12 minutes. Andrew Webber finished with a hat-trick.

Wright upset

Squash: Jane Martin, from Northumbria, the England No 5 and world No 13, yesterday defeated Sue Wright, the British champion, from Kent, 9-7, 4-9, 9-6, 10-8 to win the Santa Barbara Spring Classic in the United States.

Smallwood's day

Shooting: Simon Smallwood, of Berkshire rifle club, put up an outstanding long-range shoot to move from fifteenth place overnight to win the Army target rifle open championship at Bisley yesterday.

RUGBY UNION

Clubs attempt to cut cup matches

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ATTEMPTS will be made in Dublin today to reduce the number of matches in the Heineken Cup next season. The meeting of European Rugby Cup Ltd (ERC) will also be invited to adopt a different approach in the distribution of money from the competition, based on the relative success of participating clubs.

The leading clubs in France are up in arms, in any case, at the dent that the Heineken Cup will make in their domestic competitions, and they are sure to back English proposals that the series of play-off matches before the quarter-finals should be dispensed with. Those matches are necessary only because of the curious adoption of five qualifying pools of four clubs.

"We think clubs should get a certain amount of money for qualifying for Europe and that would increase depending on how far they go," Peter Wheeler, one of England's directors on the ERC board, said. Wheeler, the director of rugby at Leicester, also supports a merit-based competition which is the case with English, French, Welsh and Italian qualifiers, but, because Ireland and Scotland enter provincial teams, they travel a less demanding road.

Those who run English rugby will also consider whether the winners of the Pilkington Cup next season should gain entry in 1998-99. In France, the winners of the du Manoir Trophy already qualify.

The commercial value of a place in Europe is substantial, but there is still cash for collection before this season ends, notably at the Middlesex sevens at Twickenham on May 17, where the winners will take away £50,000. There would, too, be a certain irony if a club with no overheads — the Barbarians — were to take pride of place.

The Barbarians have not contested the Middlesex tournament since 1934, when they won it. They will line up with seven first-division club sides, the South American Barbarians and a VII drawn from the Italy national squad.

It is the start of a busy month for the Barbarians, who play in the Air France sevens in Paris at the end of the month and make a short tour to Italy in June, playing two invitation XVs. Nor would it be a surprise if they included a couple of Fijian players in their ranks — Fiji won the Henley sevens on Sunday, contest the London floodlit tournament at Rosslyn Park tomorrow and the Caldy sevens on Saturday.

Richmond, the winners of the second division, are expected to announce the signing of Barry Williams, the Neath and Wales hooker, tomorrow. Williams, who will tour South Africa with the British Lions this summer, is understood to have been offered a five-year contract.

Ireland unscathed by Waqar's opening salvo

Waqar: incentives

BY DEREK HODGSON

CARDIFF (Ireland won toss): Ireland have scored 74 for three from 21 overs against Glamorgan

WAQAR YOUNIS will receive £200 for every wicket that he takes for Glamorgan after he has taken 100 wickets in all competitions this season. He will also receive bonuses for each and every trophy that Glamorgan win in this season and in 1998. His self-assessment form for the Inland Revenue should make for interesting reading.

All this generosity stems from Glamorgan's insurance brokers, C. E. Heath, whose southwest managing director, Ian Brice, was at Cardiff yesterday morning to see Waqar being presented with his county cap before taking the field and then watched him deliver five overs that included a number of rather rapid deliveries.

Indeed, Waqar's appearance lifted this rather humble zonal Benson and Hedges match into another dimension, and once he does start knocking over stumps, he can do much for cricket in Wales and even more for his bank account. "I have come to Wales to make an impact," was his declaration yesterday.

Ireland, whose decision to bat first seemed foolhardy, survived the two sessions of play before the rain with some equanimity. Eight of the 16 players who won glory in the ICC Trophy are now unavailable, having used up their leave from work.

Andy Patterson, 21, their promising opener, skied to mid-off when driving at a ball that Watkin held back and Gordon Cooke was trapped by one of several balls from Owen Parkin that kept low.

The third wicket fell after the first 53-minute break for rain. Alan Lewis and Hansie Cronje had taken advantage of Waqar resting (5-0-10-0) to add 55 in 13 overs, before Lewis went, leg-before.

This was the prelude to a downpour of such proportions that the outfield was flooded.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Benson & Hedges Cup

Derbyshire v Worcestershire

DERBY (Worcestershire won toss): Derbyshire have scored 32 for no wickets against Worcestershire

DERBYSHIRE

K J Barnett not out 18
C J Adams not out 4
Extras (b 4, w 4, nb 2) 10
Total (no wkt, 7.3 overs) 32

*D M Jones, G A Khan, V P Clarke, †K M Krikken, P A J DeFreitas, G M Roberts, A J Harris, K J Dean and D E Malcolm to bat

BOWLING: Newport 4-1-17-0; Haynes 3 3-0-11-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: W P C Weston, *T M Moody, G A Hick, G R Haynes, V S Solanki, K R Spiring, D A Leatherdale, S R Lampitt, †S J Rhodes, P J Newport, J E Brinkley

Umpires: R A White and J F Steele.

Minor Counties v Lancashire

WALSALL (Lancashire won toss): Minor Counties, with all wickets in hand, need 210 runs to beat Lancashire

LANCASHIRE

J E R Gallian c Larkins b Radford 0
P C McKeown b Sharp 10
J P Crawley c Fielding b Sharp 0
I D Austin c Nicholson b Radford 19
N H Fairbrother c Ecclestone b Fielding 62
G D Lloyd c Gaywood b Radford 4
*Wasim Akram c Sharp b Fielding 28
†W K Hegg not out 54
G Yates not out 9
Extras (b 12, lb 4, w 6, nb 2) 24
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs) 210

R J Green and P J Martin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-7, 3-12, 4-37, 5-41, 6-98, 7-199

BOWLING: Radford 10-1-52-3; Sharp 10-2-17-2; Murphy 10-0-50-0; Dalton 10-0-28-0, Fielding 10-1-47-2

MINOR COUNTIES

S J Dean not out 0
N Larkins not out 0
Extras (w 1) 1
Total (no wkt, 1 over) 1

N R Gaywood, *I Cockbain, R A Dalton, J W Ecclestone, †P J Nicholson, J C Fielding, N A Radford, M A Sharp and A Murphy to bat

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 1-0-1-0.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and J H Hampshire

Warwickshire v Yorkshire

EDGBASTON (Warwickshire won toss): Yorkshire, with all wickets in hand, need 220 runs to beat Warwickshire

WARWICKSHIRE

*A J Moles b Gough 4
N M K Smith c McGrath b Silverwood 57
D R Brown c Byas b White 2
D L Hemp b Vaughan 23
D P Ostler lbw b Gough 26
T L Penney st Blakey b Stemp 34
†K J Piper st Blakey b Stemp 7
G Welch c Blakey b Gough 19
A F Giles not out 25
A A Donald not out 17
Extras (lb 10, w 5, nb 4) 19
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs) 233

G C Small did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-38, 3-94, 4-96, 5-156, 6-162, 7-177, 8-194.

BOWLING: Gough 10-0-38-3; Silverwood 8-0-39-1, White 8-1-40-1; Hartley 10-0-59-0, Stemp 10-0-29-2; Vaughan 4-0-18-1.

YORKSHIRE

*D Byas not out 5
M P Vaughan not out 6
Extras (w 3) 3
Total (no wkt, 5 overs) 14

B Parker, D S Lehmann, A McGrath, C White, †R J Blakey, P J Hartley, D Gough, C E W Silverwood and R D Stemp to bat

BOWLING: Donald 3-2-8-0; Welch 2-0-6-0

Umpires: G I Burgess and P Willey.

Northamptonshire v Scotland

NORTHAMPTON (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire, with five wickets in hand, need 35 runs to beat Scotland

SCOTLAND

B M W Patterson c Walton b Taylor 12
I L Philip c Walton b Follett 20
D R Lockhart c Capel b Follett 0
M J Smith c Snape b Capel 22
*G Salmond b Capel 5
J G Williamson c Bailey b Follett 26
G P Hurbatt b Follett 28
†A G Davies run out 3
J W Govan not out 14
S Gourlay c Ripley b Capel 4
K Thomson not out 1
Extras (lb 9, w 12, nb 4) 25
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs) 180

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-38, 3-42, 4-85, 5-70, 6-133, 7-134, 8-141, 9-158.

BOWLING: Taylor 10-1-29-1, Follett 10-1-39-4; Capel 9-2-25-3; Curran 8-0-22-0; Emburey 10-3-14-0; Penberthy 4-0-22-0

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

D J Capel c Govan b Thomson 19
A L Penberthy c Salmond b Thomson 7
*R J Bailey c Gourlay b Thomson 15
K M Curran c Davies b Hurbatt 8
T C Walton c Thomson b Govan 23
M B Loye not out 32
J N Snape not out 9
Extras (lb 2, w 9, nb 2) 13
Total (5 wkts, 26.1 overs) 126

J E Emburey, †D Ripley, J P Taylor and D Follett to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-33, 3-49, 4-55, 5-94.

BOWLING: Thomson 6-0-38-3; Gourlay 4-1-24-0; Hurbatt 4-0-23-1; Govan 5-0-17-1; Williamson 5.1-0-22-0

Umpires: A Clarkson and D R Shepherd.

Hampshire v Surrey

SOUTHAMPTON (Surrey won toss): Surrey (2pts) beat Hampshire by 165 runs

SURREY

A D Brown c Whitaker b Renshaw 0
A J Stewart b Maru 6
B C Hollioake c Udal b Renshaw 12
G P Thorpe c Aymes b Renshaw 3
N Shahid run out 52
*A J Hollioake c Stephenson b Renshaw 80
C C Lewis c and b Renshaw 22
†J A Knott c Maru b Udal 10
I D K Salisbury c Udal b Renshaw 8
M P Bicknell not out 10
J E Benjamin not out 5
Extras (lb 17, w 3) 20
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs) 228

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-18, 3-22, 4-22, 5-160, 6-175, 7-201, 8-206, 9-215.

BOWLING: Renshaw 10-2-25-6; Maru 10-1-28-1, Mascarenhas 7-0-40-0; Udal 10-0-48-1; Stephenson 9-0-52-0; Whitaker 4-0-18-0

HAMPSHIRE

J S Laney c Salisbury b Bicknell 5
M L Hayden c Knott b Bicknell 4
S D Udal b Bicknell 0
R A Smith c Salisbury b Lewis 7
M Keech b B C Hollioake 20
P R Whitaker c Knott b Benjamin 0
*J P Stephenson c Knott b Benjamin 11
†A N Aymes c Lewis b Benjamin 1
A D Mascarenhas c Benjamin b Benjamin 1
R J Maru not out 10
S J Renshaw c Brown b B C Hollioake 1
Extras (b 1, nb 2) 3
Total (30.3 overs) 63

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-9, 3-11, 4-19, 5-23, 6-20, 7-48, 8-51, 9-54.

BOWLING: Bicknell 10-2-20-3; Lewis 3-2-8-1; Benjamin 10-1-19-4; B C Hollioake 5.3-0-15-2.

Gold award: A J Hollioake

Umpires: J D Bond and B Dudleston.

Kent v British Universities

CANTERBURY (Kent won toss): Kent (2pts) beat British Universities by four wickets

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES

T P Hodgson c Marsh b McCague 60
E T Smith c Llong b Headley 8
M J Chilton c Fleming b McCague 43
*A Singh not out 53
W J House c Wells b McCague 0
J A Ford lbw b Headley 12
†T M B Bailey b Ealham 8
A D Edwards c and b Ealham 9
U B A Rashid c Cowdrey b McCague 2
P S Jones not out 9
Extras (lb 9, w 3, nb 8) 19
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs) 223

S A J Boswell did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-110, 3-128, 4-128, 5-154, 6-173, 7-199, 8-204.

BOWLING: McCague 10-1-41-4; Headley 10-1-30-2; Fleming 5-0-23-0; Ealham 10-0-50-2; Strang 10-1-43-0; Llong 5-0-28-0

KENT

M V Fleming b Boswell 63
M J Walker run out 0
T R Ward c Bailey b Boswell 6
A P Wells c Hodgson b Jones 14
G R Cowdrey b Rashid 9
M A Ealham not out 41
N J Llong c Jones b Boswell 75
P A Strang not out 4
Extras (lb 5, w 4, nb 2) 11
Total (6 wkts, 45 overs) 225

*†S A Marsh, M J McCague and D W Headley did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-72, 3-78, 4-95, 5-99, 6-221.

BOWLING: Boswell 9-1-39-3; Edwards 10-1-53-0; Jones 10-2-29-1; Chilton 5-0-35-0; Rashid 8-0-50-1; House 3-0-14-0.

Gold award, N J Llong.

Umpires: J H Harris and N T Plews

Sussex v Gloucestershire

HOVE (Sussex won toss): Sussex (2pts) beat Gloucestershire by 34 runs

SUSSEX

K Greenfield c Alleyne b Smith 3
R K Rao b Young 15
N R Taylor run out 116
M Newell c Cunliffe b Smith 87
*†P Moores not out 21
P W Jarvis not out 16
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 4, nb 2) 15
Total (4 wkts, 50 overs) 273

C W J Athey, V C Drakes, N C Phillips, A A Khan and M A Robinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-23, 3-231, 4-236.

BOWLING: Smith 10-2-39-2; Young 10-2-32-1, Hancock 8-0-23-0; Alleyne 10-0-76-0; Davis 10-0-59-0; Ball 4-0-35-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A J Wright c Moores b Robinson 41
M A Lynch run out 0
R J Cunliffe c Robinson b Khan 27
S Young c Moores b Robinson 3
*M W Alleyne b Phillips 19
†R C Russell c Moores b Drakes 66
T H C Hancock b Phillips 11
R I Dawson c Greenfield b Phillips 24
M C J Ball c Rao b Khan 9
A M Smith c and b Khan 2
R P Davis not out 8
Extras (b 4, lb 9, w 4, nb 12) 29
Total (47.3 overs) 239

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-61, 3-73, 4-97, 5-116, 6-135, 7-183, 8-199, 9-213.

BOWLING: Jarvis 9-0-48-0; Drakes 6.3-0-45-1, Robinson 10-0-34-2; Khan 10-0-41-3; Phillips 10-0-48-3; Greenfield 2-0-10-0.

Gold award: N R Taylor

Umpires: H D Bird and M J Kitchen.

Essex v Somerset

CHELMSFORD (Somerset won toss): Essex (2pts) beat Somerset by eight wickets

SOMERSET

G D Rose c Rollins b Cowan 6
M Burns lbw b Grayson 91
S C Ecclestone c Such b Ilott 6
J I D Kerr c S G Law b Irani 17
M N Lathwell c Hussain b Irani 17
Mushtaq Ahmed c D R Law b Cowan 31
R J Harden c Cowan b Grayson 64
*P D Bowler c Hussain b Irani 1
†R J Turner not out 26
A R Caddick not out 1
Extras (b 1, lb 1, w 8, nb 2) 10
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs) 269

H R J Trump did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-32, 3-78, 4-109, 5-152, 6-205, 7-208, 8-261

BOWLING: Cowan 10-1-60-2; Ilott 9-0-56-1; Irani 10-2-48-3, Such 4-0-22-0, S G Law 8-0-43-0; Grayson 9-0-38-2

ESSEX

*P J Prichard c Turner b Kerr 114
S G Law c Lathwell b Caddick 88
N Hussain not out 32
G A Gooch not out 14
Extras (lb 3, w 13, nb 6) 22
Total (2 wkts, 42.4 overs) 270

R C Irani, A P Grayson, D R Law, †R J Rollins, M C Ilott, A P Cowan and P M Such did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-204, 2-234

BOWLING: Rose 7-0-41-0; Caddick 10-0-60-1 Ahmed 3-0-31-0; Kerr 9-0-57-1 Trump 4-0-28-0; Burns 9 4-0-49-0.

Gold award, P J Prichard

Umpires: V A Holder and G Sharp

Glamorgan v Ireland

CARDIFF (Ireland won toss) Ireland have scored 74 for three wickets against Glamorgan

IRELAND

G Cooke lbw b Parkin 7
†A Patterson c Parkin b Watkin 1
D A Lewis lbw b Butcher 20
W J Cronje not out 30
*J D R Benson not out 4
Extras (lb 8, w 4) 12
Total (3 wkts, 20.5 overs) 74

D Moore, A R Dunlop, D Heasley, P G Gillespie, G L Mollins and P McCrum to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-16, 3-70

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 5-0-10-0; Watkin 5-1-11-1; Parkin 7-1-25-1, Butcher 3.5-0-20-1.

GLAMORGAN: S P James, H Morris, A Dale, *M P Maynard, P A Cottey, G P Butcher, R D B Croft, †A D Shaw, Waqar Younis, S L Watkin, O T Parkin

Umpires: T E Jesty and K E Palmer

NO PLAY YESTERDAY: Chester-le-Street: Durham v Leicestershire

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Aldenham 195-3, Christ's College, Finchley 108-6; Royal Hospital, Holbrook 144-7. Coopers 145-8

TABLE TENNIS

Deng pockets her third world crown

BY RICHARD EATON

DENG YAPING, the greatest female player of modern times, will have to wait before being allowed to enjoy retirement — at least on the evidence of the way in which she retained her world title in Manchester yesterday.

Deng, a 4ft 11in pocket rocket, talked of stepping down as soon as some of the younger Chinese players are ready to replace her, but so completely did she outplay Wang Nan, her compatriot, in the women's singles final that the gap between her and the rest seemed as great as ever.

Deng appeared to allow Wang, 19, a left-hander, to take the first game, and then embarked on attacks with such nimble footwork and such persistent flat and counter hitting that the final quickly became a foregone conclusion.

The score was 12-21, 21-8, 21-11, 21-10, making Deng the first to win three world women's singles titles since Angelica Rozeanu more than 40 years ago.

The final elicited mostly only polite applause in contrast to the contest in which Kong Linghui, China's other world singles champion, noisily lost his title on Sunday night in a four-game thriller against the 6ft 3in Vladimir Samsonov, of Belarus.

This upset, plus the victory by Jan-Ove Waldner in the other semi-final, against Yan Sen, ended China's chances of becoming the first country successfully to defend all seven world titles. Instead, they merely won six.

Waldner followed this yesterday by reaching the men's doubles final, in partnership with his fellow former world champion from Sweden, Jorgen Persson. After 15 years on the circuit, Stockholm's Mr Cool is still arguably the greatest all-round player of the lot.

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MOTOR RACING: PEUGEOT KEPT WAITING AGAIN FOR FIRST TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

Harvey just fails to tread new ground

By Mark Fogarty

PEUGEOT, the only manufacturer never to taste victory in the *Auto Trader* British Touring Car championship, came tantalisingly close to breaking its duck in the sixth round at Thruxton yesterday, when Tim Harvey failed by fractions of a second to beat Gabriele Tarquini, in a Honda.

Harvey, the 1992 champion, fought his way through from sixteenth position after an impromptu pit stop to switch from untreaded "slick" tyres to lightly-treaded intermediate rubber on his Peugeot 406. He gambled that the change would give him an advantage on the rain-swept track.

It proved to be an inspired choice, enabling him to reel in the front-runners at a prodigious pace, powering past the slick-shod machines ahead of him with nonchalant ease.

Blundell's return 34

Harvey, confirming his reputation as a "rain-master", snatched second place from Alain Menu, the championship leader, on the penultimate lap and had the Honda Accord of Tarquini in his sights on the run to the chequered flag.

He was slightly held up by a back-marker through the final corner and, but for the interference, he might have pipped Tarquini at the post instead of losing by just 0.687sec.

Harvey's performance, which brought Peugeot closer to victory than ever before in its six-year participation in the championship, brought the Bank Holiday crowd of 22,000 to its feet.

"One more lap and I could have won," Harvey said. "You have to say it was an opportunistic win, but we all had the chance to make the same call on tyres.

"The car felt good, even in the dry, but when the safety car came out, I knew that my only real chance to move up the field was to duck into the pits and change to intermediate tyres."

Harvey was one of five drivers who gambled on making a pit stop for treaded tyres as the safety car circulated slowly ahead of the field while the stricken Audi A4 of Frank Biela, the defending champion, who crashed on the first lap, was moved out of harm's way.

Harvey's charge from the tail of the field was almost matched by the progress of Anthony Reid, in a Nissan Primera, and Derek Warwick, in a Vauxhall Vectra, who also cut swaths through the stragglers to finish fourth and sixth respectively.

The result confirmed Harvey's belief that the 406 is close to ending winning a race for Peugeot, as well as providing much-needed encouragement for the Motor Sport Development team, which this year has taken over management of the company's touring car programme.

"The 406 is a good car," Harvey said. "It wins in Germany and there's no reason why it shouldn't win here. I believe we'll win a race before the end of the season."

While Harvey was exulted by his tactical result, Tarquini and Menu were unhappy that the 22-lap race was allowed to continue, both describing conditions during the middle of the event as dangerous.

"When it started raining, I decided to play it safe," said Menu, whose pole position-winning Renault Laguna was beaten away at the start by Tarquini's Honda. "I think they should have stopped the race because it was getting dangerous."

Tarquini, the 1994 champion, said: "I agree with Alain that it was too dangerous in the middle of the race. The safety car should have come out again for a few laps. My car was good and I decided to take a big chance and drive very hard. At one stage, I had a very big moment — my car was 90 degrees sideways. But it is good to win again. It is a very important result for Honda."

Menu's third place, on top of his similarly cautious third in the fifth round, which was won by Biela from Tarquini, extended his lead in the championship to 35 points over Rickard Rydell, of Sweden, who is two points clear of Tarquini.

After performing poorly in qualifying on Saturday, Rydell recovered from his lowly starting positions to finish fifth in both races in his Volvo S40.

Biela, the defending touring car champion, whose Audi A4 crashed on the first lap at Thruxton yesterday

RUGBY LEAGUE

Video official poised for Wembley debut

By Christopher Irvine

A VIDEO official is likely to be introduced for the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final next season after at least one try was incorrectly awarded in the match between St Helens and Bradford Bulls on Saturday.

The video official and big screen for spectators have been successful features of televised Super League matches since they were introduced at the start of the competition last year.

Positioning a screen at Wembley Stadium when it is full would be a problem, but Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Football League (RFL) chief executive, wants a video referee to adjudicate on hairline scoring decisions from television replays.

"Everyone accepts that at least one try on Saturday was very dubious," Lindsay said. "After watching televised Super League matches this season, the lack of a big screen facility stuck out like a sore thumb. Next year will be the last before Wembley is redeveloped, so that the new stadium, when completed, will have an in-built big screen."

The fifth St Helens try, by Anthony Sullivan, contained a forward pass and the television replay clearly indicated that he had not grounded the ball. There also may have been some obstruction in one of the Bradford tries that bypassed Stuart Cummings, the referee, and the in-goal judge.

A video official will make a first appearance at Wembley for the opening Great Britain v Australia international, on November 1, the first meeting between the countries under the Super League banner. If agreement is reached for a video official for the Challenge Cup final next year, the system might be extended to all televised cup matches.

As neither the video official nor big screen operates in non-televised matches in the Super League, however, there are iniquities in the system that need to be addressed for the sake of consistency. Televised Super League matches are effectively operating under a different set of rules and there is a danger of the same happening from next year in the Challenge Cup.

The RFL executive committee will today view a video of the incident in the second half on Saturday that led to Tommy Martyn, of St Helens, the Lance Todd Trophy winner, being reported by the referee. The penalty against Martyn was for a spear tackle on Abi Ekoku, although the pictures indicate that it was a rather less threatening Cumberland throw.

Although no bones were broken in his right foot, Robbie Paul, the Bradford captain, will undergo further tests to diagnose the nature and extent of his injury. "He is still in a lot of discomfort, and we're not sure how long he'll be out at this stage," Matthew Elliott, the Bradford coach, said.

Paul will miss the home Super League match against St Helens on Sunday, and the condition of Sonny Nickle is also giving Bradford cause for concern. Nickle, a second row forward, is suspected of having aggravated an old arm injury after suffering another hairline fracture.

Yesterday, Lindsay was non-committal about the future of the Silk Cut Plate competition, won in front of a part-filled Wembley by Hull Kingston Rovers. "We will have a debriefing about how effective the Plate was, but, of course, we have to be careful not to dilute the quality of the day as a whole," he said.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

FA Carling Premiership

MAN UTD (2) 3 MIDDLESBRO (3) 3
Keane 34, Neville 42, Solskjaer 67 — Juninho 15, Emerson 37, Hignett 40
54,489

Bell's Scottish League

Premier division

RANGERS (0) 0 MOTHERWELL (1) 2
50,059 — Coyle 7, 84 (pen)

GILBERT LEAGUE OF WALES: Barry 5 Conwy 0

FAI HARP NATIONAL LEAGUE: Play-off, second leg: Waterford 1 Dundalk 0 (Dundalk win 3-1 on agg)

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Charlton 0 Ipswich 0, Queens Park Rangers 2 Southampton 1

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Blackburn 0 Manchester United 1 Liverpool 3 Derby 3

COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES: Premier division: Cranleigh 1 Cobham 2, Netherne 4 Chipstead 2, Westfield 0 Feltham 3

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Burgess Hill 1 Oakwood 0, Peacehaven and Telscombe 1 Hailsham 1, Whitehawk 2 Shoreham 1, Wick 0 Arundel 1

FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: National division: Tranmere Rov Ladies 0 Arsenal Ladies 3

OTHER MATCH: Bristol City XI 2 Tottenham XI 3

Sunday's late results

SPANISH LEAGUE: Athletic Bilbao 0 Valladolid 0, Real Madrid 3 Sporting Gijon 1, Celta 1 Valencia 1, Hercules 1 Logrones 0, Real Betis 0 Compostela 0, Rayo Vallecano 1 Tenerife 2, Oviedo 1 Real Zaragoza 0, Espanol 3 Real Sociedad 0, Racing Santander 1 Atletico Madrid 1

GERMAN LEAGUE: Munich 1860 3 Bayern Munich 3

FRENCH LEAGUE: Cannes 2 Strasbourg 2, AS Monaco 2 Caen 2

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Belenenses 0 Salgueiros 0, Chaves 1 Estrela Amadora 0, Uniao Leiria 1 Sporting 0, Setubal 2 Boavista 2, Gil Vicente 1 Espinho 0, Braga 2 Farense 1, Benfica 0 Rio Ave 0, Porto 2 Leca 1

WORLD CUP: Concacaf zone. Final round: El Salvador 2 Costa Rica 1 (in San Salvador)

ATHLETICS

ANTRIM: Halifax British Universities Sports Association Championships. **Men: 100m:** D Money (Sheffield) 10.70sec. **400m hurdles:** C Rawlinson (Loughborough) 51.14sec. **High jump:** J Brierley (Oxford) 2.10m. **Triple jump:** A Margiotta-Cole (Sheffield) 15.43m. **Discus:** S Rider (Brunel UC) 46.58m. **Hammer:** P Barnard (Newcastle) 60.14m. **Women: 100m:** C Williams (Thames Valley) 12.0sec. **2,000m steeplechase:** J Brown (Strathclyde) 7min 48.70sec. **400m hurdles:** V Jamison (Ulster) 58.3sec. **High jump:** F Sotherton (Brunel UC) 1.70m. **Pole vault:** C Ridgley (Oxford) 3.44m (Busa record). **Long jump:** J Hollman (Brunel UC) 6.09m. **Discus:** S Drew (Brunel) 56.32m. **Hammer:** E Holden (Southampton Institute) 55.32m. **Javelin:** W Newman (Brunel UC) 46.00m

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit 2 Cleveland 0, Toronto 1 Minnesota 0, Baltimore 11 Oakland 0, Chicago White Sox 4 Anaheim 2, New York Yankees 13 Kansas City 5, Texas 7 Boston 6, Seattle 9 Milwaukee 0

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta 3 Pittsburgh 1, St Louis 8 New York Mets 2, Colorado 9 Philadelphia 0, Los Angeles 5 Chicago Cubs 2, Montreal 9 San Diego 3, San Francisco 2 Cincinnati 1 (10 inns), Houston 1 Florida 0

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Western Conference: Utah 93 Los Angeles Lakers 77 (Utah lead best of seven series 1-0). Eastern Conference: Atlanta 84 Detroit 79 (Atlanta wins best of five series 3-2); Miami 91 Orlando 83 (Miami win 3-2)

BUDWEISER CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Leopards 88 London 89 (at Wembley)

BOWLS

INTER-COUNTY MATCHES: Derbyshire 115 Huntingdonshire 118; Hampshire 151 Metropolitan Police 109, Hertfordshire 128 Berkshire 110 Nottinghamshire 116 Cambridgeshire 115, Buckinghamshire 108 Gloucestershire 123

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): **Hinckley:** Nottinghamshire 294 (G Welton 108) and 128 (T J Mason 5-38); Leicestershire 216 (P Robinson 103, J Hindson 5-85) and 203-5 (D Williamson 53). Leicestershire win by five wickets. **Cheam:** Surrey 199 (R A Fay 5-27, T Bloomfield 4-89) and 419-9 dec (D J Bicknell 145); Middlesex 282 (P E Wellings 94, D Alleyne 52, M Patterson 6-80) and 235-5 (Wellings 79, Alleyne 60). Match drawn. **Chelmsford:** Essex 117 (P M Warren 5-43, J Derrick 4-21) and 417-9 dec (A J E Hibbert 226 not out, N F Williams 58, D L Iniff 6-96); Glamorgan 194 and 344-6 (I J Thomas 98 not out, R W Evans 89, G Arnswmith 58). Glamorgan win by four wickets

CYCLING

ROAD RACES: Tour of Lancashire four-day race: Fifth stage (Manchester-Manchester, 70 miles): 1, J Bayfield (Controlware) 2hr 46min 14sec; 2, M Beckett (Wales) at 53sec; 3, P West (Adidas SciCon) at 2:04. Final overall positions: 1, P Manning (Adidas-SciCon) 8:05 12; 2, H Dawson (Team Castell Sport) at 38sec; 3, S Bray (Giant RT) at 35sec. **Geoff Cowdell Memorial** (Cheddington, Buckinghamshire, 70 miles): 1, D Staite (Team Lutterworth) 3 10 30; 2, D Oakley (Twickenham CC) same time; 3, A McCaffrey (Alpine RC) at 10sec. **GS Orion** (Spofforth, North Yorkshire, 65 miles): 1, G Turnbull (GS Metro) 2 33 14; 2, R Moore (Cottingham Coureurs) at 15sec; 3, K Henderson (VC Olympia) same time. **Women's CRA championship** (Middleton, Northamptonshire, 61 miles): 1, S Boyden (Middridge CRT) 2 45 30; 2, A Hunter (Team Lucas) at 8sec; 3, L Clarke (Fenland Clarion) same time.

TIME-TRIALS: Cheltenham and County CC hilly (30 miles): 1, W Moore (Leo RC) 1 14 06; 2, H Lodge (Salisbury RC) 1 15 38; 3, J Hunt (Team Dacon) 1 18 53. Team: Cheltenham and County Wheelers 4 05 41. **Liverpool Century RC** (Tarporley, 25 miles): 1, J Howard (Merseyside Wheelers) 55 30; 2, C Leslie (Team Vilo Sport) 57 25; 3, N Cooper (North Lancashire RC) 57 29. Team: Merseyside Wheelers 3 00 27. **Choughs RC** (Redruth, Cornwall, 25 miles): 1, C G Neil (Camel Valley CC) 56 52; 2, C Brooking (Cambridge CC) 56 41; 3, M Harmes (Choughs RC) 59 10. Team: Choughs RC 3 04 54. **Cleveland Coureurs mountain** (Clay Bank circuit, 22.5 miles): 1, N Jackson (Cleveland Wheelers) 58 53; 2, S Fullerton (Richmond and Darlington CC) 1 00 54; 3, I Murray (Stockton Wheelers) 1 00 56. Team: Cleveland Wheelers 3 04 01. **VC Baracchi** (Bungay, Suffolk, 10 miles): 1, M Pyne (Leo RC) 21 21; 2, B Sandford (CC Breckland) 21 42; 3, M Miles (West Kent RC) 21 49. Women: C Essex (King's Lynn CC) 23 57

GOLF

THE WOODLANDS, Texas: Houston Open. Leading final scores (US unless stated): **278:** P Blackmar 68, 71, 67, 70; K Sutherland 68, 72, 68, 70 (Blackmar won at first extra hole). **278:** S Elkington (Aus) 69, 74, 70, 65. **279:** H Sutton 68, 72, 71, 68; S Hoch 73, 66, 68, 70; J Kelly 70, 68, 69, 72. **281:** L Wadkins 73, 70, 71, 67. **282:** L Rinker 72, 69, 71, 70; N Henke 73, 71, 68, 70; D Ogrin 69, 68, 74, 71; J Morse 68, 74, 69, 71; J P Hayes 73, 72, 64, 73. **283:** F Funk 69, 72, 70, 72; C Parry (Aus) 71, 66, 73, 73. Other scores: **285:** T Kite 71, 73, 70, 71. **286:** G Waite (NZ) 68, 72, 73, 73. **289:** P Tataurangi (Aus) 72, 72, 74, 71. **290:** V Singh (Fiji) 71, 71, 71, 77

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida: LPGA Titleholders championship: Leading final scores (US unless stated): **274:** T Green 66, 67, 69, 72. **276:** A Sorenstam (Swe) 71, 69, 70, 66. **277:** C Schreyer 69, 71, 70, 67; K Webb (Aus) 68, 71, 69, 69; K Robbins 72, 67, 69, 69. **278:** N Lopez 70, 70, 66, 72. **279:** D Coe-Jones (Can) 70, 71, 68, 70; S Steinhauer 71, 70, 68, 70. **280:** K Parker-Gregory 71, 65, 69, 75; K Monaghan 68, 68, 71, 73; M Mallon 72, 67, 70, 71; P Hurst 72, 72, 70, 66. Other scores: **282:** L Hackney (GB) 67, 70, 70, 75; L Davies (GB) 73, 68, 68, 73

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama: Bruno's Memorial Classic: Leading final scores (US unless stated): **205:** J Sigel 68, 67, 70. **208:** G Morgan 67, 72, 69. **210:** I Aoki (Japan) 69, 71, 70. Other scores: **215:** B Barnes (GB) 75, 67, 73. **217:** R Charles (NZ) 68, 73, 76; A Jacklin (GB) 72, 69, 76

GYMNASTICS

MANCHESTER: British acrobatic championships (winners): **Tumbling: Senior men:** R Proctor (West Bromwich) 28.64pts. **Women:** K Perberdy (West Kirby) 29.02. **Junior men:** S Rawlings (Heathrow) 29.12. **Junior women:** G Hope (South West region) 27.24. **Senior men's pairs:** E Crocker and N Griffiths (Spelthorne GC) 29.34. **Women's pairs:** L Pascoe and N Cotterell (Spelthorne GC) 29.56. **Mixed pairs:** M Smith and M Forest (North West Region) 29.64

HOCKEY

VANCOUVER: Women's five-nation tournament: Japan 4 Ireland 4; Canada 1 United States 1. **Final positions:** 1, England 12pts; equal 2, Canada and United States 7; equal 4, Ireland and Japan 1

SCOTTISH MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Gordonians 2 Wanderers 4, Menzieshill 1 Grange 5, Inverleal 3 Kelburne 2, 5 Watsonians 3 Edinburgh University 2, Western Grasshopper 7 MIM 0

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Menzieshill 2 Hyndland Grasshopper 1, Western 4 3 Aberdeen Bon Accord 0, Bonagrass Grove 4 Gymnasts 1, Edinburgh Ladies 4 Western Klick Photopoint 0

RAF CAREERS YOUTH CUP: League winners. **Under-14: Pool A:** Milford. **Pool B:** Simon Langton. **Under-16: Pool A:** St George's. **Pool B:** King Edward VI. **Under-18: Pool A:** Millfield. **Pool B:** Kingston GS

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup. Play-offs: Eastern Conference: New York Rangers 2 New Jersey 0 (best-of-seven series tied 1-1). Western Conference: Detroit 3 Anaheim 2 (3OT) (Detroit lead 2-0). Colorado 4 Edmonton 1 (Colorado lead 2-0)

MOTOR RACING

THRUXTON: Auto Trader RAC touring car championship: Round five (18 laps, 42.41 miles): 1, F Biela (Ger, Audi A4) 27min 03.695sec (94.02mph); 2, G Tarquini (It, Honda Accord) at 3.635sec; 3, A Menu (Switz, Renault Laguna) 5.926; 4, J Bintcliffe (GB, Audi A4) 6.973; 5, R Rydell (Swe, Volvo S40) 16.535; 6, J Thompson (GB, Honda Accord) 16.840; 7, D Leslie (GB, Nissan Primera) 23.860; 8, A Reid (GB, Nissan Primera) 26.453; 9, T Harvey (GB, Peugeot 406) 43.973; 10, P Radisich (NZ, Ford Mondeo) 48.617. Fastest lap: Thompson 1min 23.749sec (101.27mph). Round six (22 laps, 51.83 miles): 1, Tarquini 34 12.672 (90.90mph); 2, Harvey at 0.687; 3, Menu 4.449; 4, Reid 8.312; 5, Rydell 12.248; 6, D Warwick (GB, Vauxhall Vectra) 17.282; 7, J Plato (GB, Renault Laguna) 20.797; 8, Bintcliffe 20.922; 9, J Cleland (GB, Vauxhall Vectra) 25.371; 10, Radisich 26.129. Fastest lap: Thompson 1:18.791 (107.70mph). Overall championship positions: Drivers: 1, Menu 83pts; 2, Rydell 48; 3, Tarquini 45; 4, Plato 30; 5, Biela 29. Manufacturers: 1, Renault 80; 2, Volvo 62; 3, Honda 53; 4, Audi 42; 5, Nissan 38

MOTOR RALLYING

TOUR OF CORSICA: Leading positions (after six special stages): 1, G Panizzi (Fr, Peugeot 306 Maxi) 1hr 25min 57sec; 2, F Delecour (Fr, Peugeot 306 Maxi) at 5sec; 3, C Sainz (Sp, Ford Escort WRC) 19; equal 4, C McRae (GB, Subaru Impreza WRC) 22; 6, P Liatti (It, Subaru Impreza WRC) 32; 6, T Makinen (Fin, Mitsubishi Lancer EV4) 38

RUGBY UNION

HENLEY: Seven-a-side tournament: Quarter-finals: Northampton 7 Fiji 35, Oxford University 34 London Welsh 7; Wasps 31 London Scottish 0; Cambridge University 43 Bristol University 10. Semi-finals: Fiji 29 Oxford University 10, Cambridge University 29 Wasps 28. Final: Cambridge University 15 Fiji 52

ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals, second legs: Bologna 6 Treviso 44, Rovigo 19 Padova 12, Roma 33 Calvisano 28, L'Aquila 17 Milan 41

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Purples match (teams of eight, 300, 500 and 600 yards out of 1,200 points): 1, Surrey 1,189 189pts; 2, Sussex 1,183 164; 3, Hampshire 1,182 169. **Army target rifle open championship:** Ten shots (300 yards): 1, D Parning 50.10pts; 2, N Brasier 50.8; 3, M Place 50.9. 15 shots (300 yards): 1, A Ringer 75.11; 2, D Calvert (Squadron leader) 75.11; 3, M Brister 75.10. **15 shots** (500 yards): 1, D Gass 75.12pts; 2, P Johnson 75.11; 3, M O'Leary 75.8. **15 shots** (600 yards): 1, Brasier 75.14pts; 2, N Ball 75.13; 2, K Trowbridge 75.13. **Saturday aggregate:** 1, Calvert 222.33pts; 2, Ringer 222.32; 3, Ball 222.31. **Grand aggregate:** 1, Smallwood 429.39; 2, Ringer 428.54; 3, Calvert 428.50

SQUASH

SANTA BARBARA: Spring Classic: First round: S Wright (Eng) bt N Mencu (Sp) 9-3, 9-2, 9-6; J Wilson (NZ) bt A Hopps (Aus) 9-4, 9-2, 9-6; K Major (Aus) bt R Macree (Eng) 9-10, 9-6, 9-4, 9-2; R Grinham (Aus) bt Natarsha Tippett (Aus) 9-1, 9-2, 9-5; M Zein (Egypt) bt Narelle Tippett (Aus) 10-8, 3-9, 9-8, 9-2; J Martin (Eng) bt S Brind (Eng) 9-3, 10-8, 9-2; T Weeks (Aus) bt T Shenton (Eng) 8-10, 9-3, 9-8, 9-2; E Irving (Aus) bt E Major (Aus) 9-3, 9-4, 9-1. Quarter-finals: Wright bt Wilson 7-9, 9-6, 9-1, 9-0; Grinham bt Major 9-0, 9-6, 7-9, 9-0; Martin bt Zein 9-1, 9-1, 9-3; Irving bt Weeks 9-6, 3-9, 9-3, 7-9. Wright bt Grinham (Aus) 9-6, 9-3, 5-9, 1-9, 9-2. Martin bt Irving (Aus) 6-9, 9-0, 9-7, 9-6. Final: Martin bt Wright 9-7, 4-9, 9-6, 10-8

TABLE TENNIS

G-MEX CENTRE, Manchester: World championships: Men: Singles: Second round: C Prean (Eng) bt Yoo Nam Kyu (S Kor) 17-21, 21-15, 21-18, 21-17. Third round: Wang Liqin (China) bt Prean 21-18, 21-15, 15-21, 21-10. Quarter-finals: J-O Waldner (Swe) bt J-P Gatien (Fr) 21-7, 22-20, 21-14; Yan Sen (China) bt He Zhi Wen (Sp) 21-18, 19-21, 21-13, 21-19; Kong Linghui (China) bt Ma Wenge (China) 16-21, 22-20, 14-21, 21-15, 21-12; V Samsonov (Bela) bt Ding Song (China) 21-13, 21-8, 21-10. Semi-finals: Waldner bt Yan 21-17, 21-14, 21-12; Samsonov bt Kong Linghui 21-15, 21-18, 17-21, 21-17. Final: Waldner bt Samsonov 21-12, 21-17, 21-13. Doubles: Semi-finals: Kong Linghui and Liu Guoliang (China) bt J-P Gatien and D Eloi (Fr) 22-20, 21-7, 21-9; J-O Waldner and J Persson (Swe) bt K Matsushita and H Shibutani (Japan) 21-19, 13-21, 21-18, 18-21, 21-16. Final: Kong and Liu bt Waldner and Persson 19-21, 21-15, 18-21, 21-13, 21-17. Women: Singles: First round: Kim Moo Kyo (S Kor) bt N Deaton (Eng) 21-16, 21-11, 21-14. Second round: Park Hae Jung (S Kor) bt A Holt (Eng) 21-14, 21-16, 21-10. Quarter-finals: Wang Nan (China) bt Cheng Hongxia (China) 21-18, 22-20, 18-21, 21-9; Wu Na (China) bt N Struse (Ger) 21-16, 21-13, 21-18; Deng Yaping (China) bt Wang Chen (China) 21-14, 21-15, 19-21, 21-10; Li Ju (China) bt Qiao Yunping (China) 21-12, 21-17, 21-16. Semi-finals: Wang bt Wu 29-31, 21-10, 21-16, 21-15; Deng bt Li Ju 21-12, 21-19, 21-7. Final: Deng bt Wang 12-21, 21-8, 21-11, 21-10. Doubles: Semi-finals: Deng Yaping and Yang Ying (China) bt Qiao Yunping (China) and Chai Po Wa (Hong Kong) 21-8, 21-7, 21-12; Li Ju and Wang Nan (China) bt Wang Hui and Cheng Hongxia (China) 21-10, 21-17, 21-16. Deng and Yang bt Li and Wang 21-17, 22-20, 17-21, 19-21, 21-11. Mixed doubles: Semi-finals: Kong Linghui and Deng Yaping (China) bt Cheng Feng-Lung and Chen Jing (Taiwan) 21-16, 21-16, 15-21, 21-7; Liu Guoliang and Wu Na (China) bt Wang Liqin and Wang Nan (China) 22-24, 21-15, 21-17, 21-9. Final: Liu and Wu bt Kong and Deng 21-12, 22-20, 19-21, 21-11

TENNIS

ATLANTA, Georgia: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt F Meligeni (Br) 3-1 ret; M Filippini (Uru) bt G Schaller (Austria) 6-1, 6-2; C Woodruff (US) bt S Stolle (Aus) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; M Norman (Swe) bt S Stolle (Aus) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3. Semi-finals: Filippini bt Woodruff 7-5, 3-6, 6-4, Stoltenberg bt Norman 6-4, 5-7, 6-3. Final: Filippini bt Stoltenberg 7-6, 6-4

HAMBURG: Men's tournament: First round: S Bruguera (Sp) bt S Draper (Aus) 6-0, 6-4; T Haas (Ger) bt D Hrbaty (Slovakia) 7-6, 6-3; H Arazi (Mor) bt J Siemerink (Holl) 6-4, 6-2

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday, May 10

Coupon No fixture, forecast

VICTORIA SECOND DIVISION

1 Altona v Glen Eira	2
2 E Altona v Oakleigh	1
3 Frkstn P v E Richm'd	1
4 Moo'lbark v Waverley	X
5 Regent v Knox	1
6 Ringwood v Box Hl	1

THIRD DIVISION

7 Banyule v S Sprgvale	2
8 Geelong v Melbourne	2
9 N Coburg v Keilor	2
10 Nunawd'g v Pascoe	2
11 S Caulf'ld v Diamond	2

FOURTH DIVISION

12 Heidlbrg v Clifton Hill	1
13 Lang'rin v Sandrham	X
14 Moreland v Williamstn	2
15 Seaford U v Sunbury	X
16 Stonnington v Mont	1
17 S Heights v Geel'g R	X

FIFTH DIVISION

18 Brandon Pk v Glenroy	1
19 Endeavour v Doveton	1
20 Lyndale v S Yarra	2
21 Mitcham v Ballarat	1
22 N S'shine v Sp'gvale C	X

WEST AUSTRALIA PREMIER DIVISION

23 Armena v Joondalup	1
24 Knights v Inglewood	1
25 Perth v Spearwood	2
26 Sorrento v Bayswater	1
27 Stirling M v Kingsway	1
28 Swan IC v Morley	X

FIRST DIVISION

29 Ashfield v Balcatta	1
30 Bassendn v Stirling S	1
31 Cockburn v C Park	2
32 Perth City v N Lake	1
33 Rockingham v Balga	1
34 Southside v Wanneroo	1
35 Univ WA v Leeming	2

SOUTH AUSTRALIA PREMIER DIVISION

36 Adelaide R v Birkalla	1
37 B Eagles v Camp'town	X
38 Port Lion v Olympians	X
39 Woodville v Salisbury	1

FIRST DIVISION

40 Croydon v Cumberl'd	X
41 Elizabeth v Enfield	1
42 Para Hills v Noarlunga	1
43 Plympton v Adel'de C	1
44 Seaford v Modbury	2
45 W Adelaide v P Pirie	X

NEW SOUTH WALES SECOND DIVISION

46 Mt Druitt v Concord	1
47 Parramatta v Dulwich	X

THIRD DIVISION

48 Hawkesbury v P'sdect	1
49 Pratewood v Glebe	2

DRAWS (home teams): Moo'lbark, Langwarrin, Seaford United, Sun Heights, North Sunshine, Swan IC, Blue Eagles, Port Lion, Croydon, West Adelaide, Parramatta. BEST DRAWS: Moo'lbark, Langwarrin, Swan IC, Port Lion, Parramatta. AWAYS: Glen Eira, South Springvale, Pascoe Vale, Diamond Vale, Williamstown, South Yarra, Queens Park, Leeming. HOMES: Frankston Pines, Stonnington, Endeavour, Mitcham, Knights, Bassendean, Rockingham, Para Hills, Mount Druitt, Hawkesbury

☐ Vince Wright

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership

West Ham v Newcastle (7.45)
Wimbledon v Liverpool (7.45)

ICIS ASSOCIATE MEMBERS TROPHY: Final: Leighton Town v Wealdstone

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Leicester (7.0). Second division: Burnley v Bradford (7.15). Third division: Southport v Chesterfield (7.0)

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Darwen v Newcastle Town

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Eton Manor v Southend Manor

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Harwich and Parkeston v Warboys, Wroxham v Great Yarmouth

UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Northampton Spencer v Kempston, St Neots v Stotfold

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: League Cup: Final, second leg: Tottenham v Norwich City

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Fuji Film Trophy: Final, first leg: Liverpool v Islington (at Goodison Park)

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Tenisonians v Old Ignatians

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup

(11.0, 50 overs)

Group A

DERBY: Derbyshire v Worcestershire
WALSALL: Minor Counties v Lancashire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Yorkshire

Group B

CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Leicestershire
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Scotland

Group D

CARDIFF: *Glamorgan v Ireland*

BAIN HOGG INSURANCE TROPHY (one day): **Mansfield:** Nottinghamshire v Lancashire. **Taunton:** Somerset v Hampshire. **The Oval:** Surrey v MCC Young Cricketers. **Leamington:** Warwickshire v Middlesex

RUGBY LEAGUE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Oldham St Anne's v Dudley Hill (7.30)

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

On this hand, East is defending a slam and has to decide whether to overtake his partner's lead of the queen at trick one. The hand occurred in the Premier League this year; I was East.

Dealer South | Love all | IMPs

North: ♠ J 9 ♥ J 10 8 6 5 3 ♦ — ♣ A Q 10 8 6 2

West: ♠ 8 6 4 2 ♥ Q 6 ♦ 10 7 6 5 3 ♣ J 5

East: ♠ 5 ♥ A K 9 7 ♦ J 9 8 2 ♣ 9 7 4 3

South: ♠ A K Q 10 7 3 ♥ 4 2 ♦ A K Q 4 ♣ K

S	W	N	E
1 C (1)	Pass	1 NT(2)	Pass
2 S	Pass	3 H	Pass
4 S	Pass	6 S	Double
All Pass			

Contract: Six Spades doubled, by South. Lead: Queen of hearts

(1) South's One Club opener showed a strong hand of more than 17 points.

(2) North's 1NT showed a positive response with a good club suit.

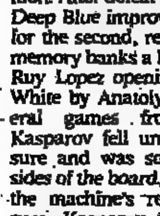
(Do not ask me why — when I report on the top duplicate events, I have to describe some odd conventions occasionally.)

Thereafter, the bidding was natural. I doubled Six Spades to ask for an unusual lead — in this auction, clearly dummy's second suit. Without a heart lead, the contract makes.

West was Brian Senior; he interpreted my double correctly, and led the queen of hearts. As East, which heart should I play? In practice, I played low, and all was well when Senior had a second heart, but what if declarer had had three hearts and, say, K x of clubs? Then, he would have made the contract — West would not have had a second heart to play.

What I should have done was overtake the queen of hearts with the king, and play the ace. If declarer ruffs, that would be unlikely to cost — the clubs will provide all the tricks that he needs. Overtaking alsocaters for West having a singleton heart.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes Monday to Friday in Sport and in Weekend on Saturday.



KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Kasparov sensation

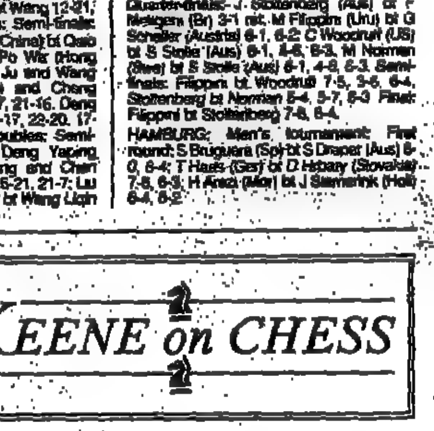
Garry Kasparov shocked the chess world on Sunday night by resigning the second game of his match against the IBM computer, Deep Blue, in a completely drawn position. After defeat in the first game, Deep Blue improved considerably for the second, retrieving from its memory banks a line of play in the Ruy Lopez opening perfected for White by Anatoly Karpov in several games from the 1970s. Kasparov fell under heavy pressure and was squeezed on both sides of the board. Discouraged by the machine's remorseless pressure, Kasparov finally conceded the game on move 45. However, it was at that moment that he had a wonderful resource that would have saved the game for him.

White: Deep Blue
Black: Garry Kasparov
New York, May 1997

Ruy Lopez

	White	Black
1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Ba4	Nf6
5	0-0	Be7
6	Re1	b5
7	Bb3	d6
8	c3	0-0
9	h3	h6
10	d4	Re8
11	Nbd2	Bf8
12	Nf1	Bd7
13	Ng3	Na5
14	Bc2	c5
15	b3	Nc6
16	d5	Ne7
17	Be3	Ng6
18	Qd2	Nh7
19	a4	Nh4
20	Nxh4	Qxh4
21	Qe2	Qd8
22	b4	Qc7
23	Rec1	c4
24	Ra3	Rec8
25	Rca1	Qd8
26	f4	Nf6
27	fxe5	dxe5
28	Qf1	Ne8
29	Qf2	Nd6
30	Bb6	Qe8
31	R3a2	Be7
32	Bc5	Bf8
33	Nf5	Bxf5
34	exf5	f6
35	Bxd6	Bxd6
36	axb5	axb5
37	Be4	Rxa2
38	Qxa2	Qd7
39	Qa7	Rc7
40	Qb6	Rb7
41	Ra8+	Kf7
42	Qa6	Qc7
43	Qc6	Qb6+
44	Kf1	Rb8
45	Ra6	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Saving resource

In the final position, instead of resigning, Kasparov could have forced a draw with 45 ... Qe3; 46 Qxd6 Re8 (the star saving move); 47 Bf3 Qc1+; 48 Kf2 Qd2+; and, however White plays, Black will ultimately gain a draw by perpetual check with his queen.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PAREU
a. Half a euro
b. A garden trellis
c. A skirt

PONHAUS
a. A bachelor dormitory
b. A town hall
c. Pig's brains

ROSELLA
a. A parakeet
b. A rambling rose
c. A scent

PSIONIC
a. Introspective
b. A type of pillar
c. Paranormal

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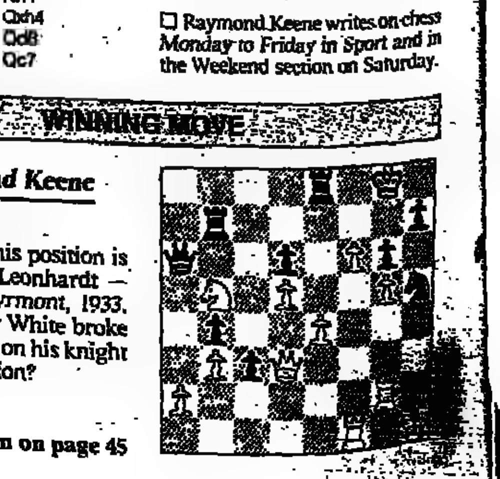
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Leonhardt — Schories, Bad Pyrmont, 1933. Can you see how White broke the awkward pin on his knight in dramatic fashion?



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FOOTBALL: DETERMINED MOTHERWELL KEEP SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP CHAMPAGNE ON ICE AT IBROX

Rangers learn cost of complacency

Rangers 6
Motherwell 2

By Kevin McCarra

ALL the presumption that has surrounded Rangers for weeks seeped into the club itself yesterday. Before kick-off, the splendid new video screens at Ibrox displayed scenes from the eight consecutive championships that they have already won, before flashing up the figure nine. It was footage that a prudent person would have reserved for the post-match celebrations after the necessary point had been secured.

Perhaps Motherwell felt as if they were being treated with condescension and, perhaps, the already great resolve of a team still at risk of relegation was doubled. Certainly, with their sturdy defending and neat counter-attacks, Motherwell will not only relish the joy of victory but also proclaim its justice.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	34	24	5	5	83	30	77
Celtic	34	22	5	7	75	32	71
Dundee Utd	34	17	9	8	48	28	60
Hearts	35	13	10	12	43	42	49
Dunfermline	35	12	8	15	40	53	44
Aberdeen	35	10	13	12	44	53	43
Motherwell	35	9	10	16	42	53	37
Hibernian	35	9	10	16	37	54	37
Kilmarnock	34	11	4	19	40	60	37
Raith	35	6	6	23	28	72	24

A greater sense of humility is liable to accompany Rangers to the match with Dundee United at Tannadice tomorrow, but it remains virtually certain that the club will collect the Bell's Scottish League premier division trophy, so equalling the record of nine titles in succession set by Celtic between 1966 and 1974.

Even if Rangers were to lose their last two games, a superior goal difference, which stands at ten, would probably still keep Celtic at bay. These, however, are factors that few people at Ibrox can have expected to be exploring yesterday. Motherwell, ninth in the table before this result, hardly looked likely to sabotage the celebrations. Football has a habit, however, of demanding abrupt reappraisals and, from the opening exchanges, it was clear that a genuine contest was breaking out. Rangers had not played a game for almost three weeks, but Walter Smith, their manager, felt that the period of inactivity had dulled the appetite more than it blunted the team's edge.

"Over that period," he said, "everyone has told them that they have won the championship. Everyone except me. We showed what can happen if you are not careful and you are not fully up for the game." Smith also pointed out that charges of complacency could be levelled against the press as much as his squad. It is, however, the players who have paid the higher price for that vice.

Motherwell hogged possession in the early passages and scored in the seventh minute, when McMillan forced the ball across the area and Coyle turned to sweep it low past Dibble for the first of his two goals. Rangers had suffered more than a mere glitch and, for a while, they were likelier to fall further behind than to recover their poise.

In the eighth minute, Dibble pushed over a Coyle drive and, five minutes later, Coyne flicked a header a little high of the target. After 22 minutes, Rangers might have scored, when Hateley leapt to Laudrup's cross and smacked the ball against the face of the bar, but that was a rare interruption to the course of the first half.

Any exasperation within Motherwell's ranks stemmed principally from a failure to entrench their position. In the 37th minute, Dibble had scuffed the ball straight to Coyne and the forward shot weakly back to the goalkeeper, from 20 yards, when he could have sent Weir through with a simple pass. Motherwell, nonetheless, had reason for self-satisfaction.

In defence, Martin and Van der Gaag not only won the aerial challenges but also proved incisive on the ground, frequently ending attacks with a clean tackle. Once in possession, Motherwell were adept at finding routes down which they could break.

After the interval, Rangers did at last assert themselves, but then found themselves colliding with an adverse fate. Gascoigne, who had been introduced as a substitute, mysteriously placed a Robertson cross wide of the post in the sort of situation that normally sees him demonstrate finesse. It was to be Motherwell who produced the last, decisive piece of accuracy.

Seven minutes from the end, Burns, a substitute, swept over a low cross from the left and Durrant, another substitute, brought down Weir as he attempted a challenge. Coyle tucked away the penalty. Motherwell are now seventh and can remove all risk of relegation if they win against Aberdeen on Saturday. It was not the achievement that had been expected from this match.

RANGERS (3-5-2): A Dibble — A McLaren, R Gough, J Bjorklund — A Cleland, C Moore (sub, P Gascoigne, 46min), J Albertz (sub, I Durrant, 78), B Laudrup, D Robertson — G Durie (sub: A McCoist, 79), M Hateley.

MOTHERWELL (4-4-2): S Howie — E May, M van der Gaag, B Martin, I Ross — M Weir, S Vrablan, S McMillan, S McSkimming (sub A Burns, 80) — T Coyne (sub: D Arnott, 72), O Coyle

Referee: J Rowbotham

Gascoigne, right, attempts to break through the Motherwell defence yesterday as Rangers struggle at Ibrox. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Brazil return to provide masterclass

ROB HUGHES

Overseas View

The impish delicacy with which Juninho laced together and scored a goal at Old Trafford yesterday, followed by the extravagant power with which Emerson scored another for Middlesbrough against Manchester United were reminders of the quality that makes Brazil indisputably football's master race. Brazil needed neither player when they put on a display that exceeded even the style of the 1994 World Cup team in eclipsing Mexico in Miami's Orange Bowl a week ago.

How strange the football world is. A team becomes the best on earth, and then is effectively withdrawn for four years from the competitive cycle of the game. Brazil have no need to qualify for the 1998 World Cup in France and, but for the commercial dealings of Nike, we would hardly see the team in the interim.

Team Nike has filled the vacuum. Nike is sponsoring the Brazil national team to the tune of $200 million over ten years, figuring that Brazil is the best country in which to increase its sales.

Nike demands a $300,000 appearance fee each time that the team plays, but the agreement ensures that the full Brazil team, give or take the priorities at Middlesbrough, will turn out in places such as Miami. For those with a satellite dish, and with stamina to burn, last Wednesday was enlightening and rewarding.

First, from Wembley, there was England versus Georgia. For technique and imagination the match rated, say, six out of ten.

Then came Italy against Poland in Naples. Italy, liberated under Cesare Maldini, the new coach, who has in turn liberated his son, Paolo, as a cavalier attacking wing back, upped the rating to at least eight out of ten.

And then, come midnight, Eurosport tuned in live to Brazil versus Mexico in Miami. It was a stellar performance by Brazil, ten out of ten. In 18 minutes, Brazil, stung by some arrogant pretensions by Mexico, scored three times.

Djalminha, a clever midfield crafter, chipped the ball forward with backspin. Leonardo, in 1994 a defender who smashed his elbow into the face of United States player, Tab Ramos, wore the No 10 shirt that is coveted by Juninho. How elegantly he read the spin on the ball, how expertly he timed his run and how deftly he rolled in the first goal with his left foot.

But if Nike has put the boots on any feet that matter, it has been with their insistence that Romario returns to national prominence. He had burnt his bridges, gone wild in his private and public life, grown fat and addicted to lazing on the beach. Romario, now 31, is suddenly slimmer than we knew him, restored against the wishes of Mario Zagalo, the coach, and full of dancing improvisation.

Romario earned a penalty for his first goal, his 33rd for Brazil. Five minutes after that, when Cafú athletically burst down the right, Romario scored again, this time with a right-foot volley from knee height, lashed over the goalkeeper from 18 yards.

His hair is thinning, but his skills are certainly not receding, and his hunger was assuaged in the second half when he completed his hat-trick and Brazil's 4-0 rout of Mexico.

England, of course, are due to meet France and Italy and Brazil in the Tournoi de France in June. If the opposition provided by Brazil is anything like as balanced, as determined and as sweet as last week, the gulf in class could be ominous.

'Romario is slimmer than we knew him'

For the record this was Brazil's 11: in goal, shaven headed Taffarel. Across the back Cafú, a rejuvenated Marcio Santos, the dependable André Cruz and Roberto Carlos. In midfield, solidly anchoring the team, Dunga, now 34, and Mauro Silva with Djalminha and Leonardo free to create. For whom? For Romario and, inevitably, the young god Ronaldo. Football to dream about.

But not all dreams reach fulfilment. Remember, at the start of the year, the story of Mouscron, the Belgian side promoted and leading their championship? All has been lost: Georges Leekens, their coach, defected to lead the national side taking with him Dominique Lemoine and the Zairean-born brothers, Mbo and Emile Mpenza, who have been naturalised to play for Belgium. Soon oran Vidovic, Mouscron's Serb striker, who has also become a Belgian national, will be called up as well.

Distractions for the Mouscron team, and the town of 53,000 inhabitants has, not surprisingly, seen its team slip away from the leadership. They now lie ten points behind Lierse and eight behind FC Bruges.

Dreams, unless supported by boot manufacturers, do not come again.

Flo makes an offer to warm the heart

IN AN era of increasing wage demands and decreasing loyalty among players, a tale to warm the heart emerged from Scandinavia yesterday (Russell Kempson writes). Tor Andre Flo, Chelsea's latest foreign import, has offered to pay SK Brann Bergen, his Norwegian club, £200,000 from his own pocket by way of compensation for his departure.

Flo, 23, agreed to join Chelsea last Thursday, the first day of the six-month pre-contract "window" that, under the Bosman ruling, allows a player to sign for another club on a free transfer. He will continue to play for Brann until his contract expires at the end of October.

Yet Brann still felt aggrieved at the turn of events, having reached a gentlemen's agreement with Flo that he would sign for another club before May 1, thus giving them a fee. Though they turned down an offer of £1.6 million from Southampton earlier this season, they had agreed a figure of £2.6 million with Everton in March only for Everton to pull out of the move.

Colin Hutchinson, the Chelsea managing director, acted swiftly to secure Flo's signature at the first possible moment, and for nothing, but it left Flo, the Norway striker, feeling guilty. "I don't feel good about this," he said yesterday, "but the offer was too good to turn down. I hope I can repay Brann by giving them some money. It is the only way I know how."

Chairmen reluctant to regionalise

By Russell Kempson

CLUB chairmen in the Football League have reacted cautiously to radical plans to split the Nationwide League third division into northern and southern sections. When the proposals are put before the 72 club representatives at a specially convened meeting in London on Thursday, it is likely that they will receive a lukewarm response.

Many chairmen have yet to see a copy of the report, which the League has commissioned from Deloitte Touche, the consultancy firm, and are annoyed at the way in which the recommendations have been made public before they have had time to digest them. Many also view a return to the north-south divide, which was abandoned in 1958, as logistically unworkable.

Trevor Watkins, the chairman of the trust fund that rescued Bournemouth from extinction this season, is unconvinced by the proposed move. "Until we get all the information, it is difficult to make any solid judgment," he said, "but I can foresee a lot of problems.

"I think it's time for the clubs to cut their cloth accordingly and sort themselves out, but not by regionalisation. We have to get away from the egocentric autocracy of one person running a club. Clubs have now got to be run like a proper business.

"A common perception is that, if you throw money at things, it solves the problem, but all it does is mask it. We should look more at the redistribution of wealth, but not use it to hide the problems of the past."

Robin Sharpe, the chief executive of Swansea City, was similarly nonplussed. "We're against the proposals," he said. "I don't think it's right to split up the division and it would be very much a backward step."

John Reames, the Lincoln City chairman and former member of the Football League board, echoed the sentiments. "I really don't think this is on," he said. "I don't believe the clubs from the third division will support this. It doesn't really make a lot of sense, from an economic or football point of view."

Under the new proposals, the 24 third division members would be joined by 14 clubs from the Vauxhall Conference — the League's feeder league — and be split in half. Yet, until the plans are fully revealed, at a press conference in London today, nobody is quite sure how the promotion and relegation issues would be settled.

However, the report, which could not be implemented until at least the start of the 1998-99 season, does have its supporters. "Regionalisation would have to reduce costs and travel expenses," Ivor Doble, the Exeter City chairman, said. "It would create more derby matches and that's got to be good news."

Peter Hill, the chairman of Hereford United, who were demoted into the Conference on Saturday, said: "We'll be voting in favour. Increasing revenue and lowering overheads is what it's all about. We've loved visiting the likes of Darlington and Hartlepool — they're smashing people — but we could all do without the travelling."

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RACING: CECIL-TRAINED FILLY OUT OF EPSOM CONTENTION AFTER CONTRACTING LUNG INFECTION

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

The Peter Hedger-trained Autumn Cover, right, springs a 33-1 surprise by outpacing 15 rivals in the one-mile Jubilee Handicap at Kempton yesterday

Fascinating Rhythm to miss Oaks

By Julian Muscat

FASCINATING RHYTHM, the ante-post favourite for the Oaks, is *almost certainly out of the fillies' classic* after contracting the lung infection afflicting inmates of Henry Cecil's stable.

The daughter of Slip Anchor, winner of her sole outing at Nottingham *last season, suffered a bout of* coughing and her preparation has been brought to a halt. Along with Fiji, another Cecil-trained Oaks candidate, Fascinating Rhythm is undergoing treatment and cannot be expected to make the line-up at Epsom on June 6.

"Both fillies were coughing and that has now developed into a lung infection," the trainer said at Kempton yesterday. "They are over the worst but they must be extremely doubtful. I cannot say how long they will be held up." Details of Fascinating Rhythm's setback underlines just how a fine a line Cecil was treading with Sleepytime, who posted an emphatic victory in the 1,000 Guineas *on Sunday.*

Despite the reverse, Cecil is resisting the temptation to send Sleepytime to Epsom. Her target remains the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot. "Her long stride might not be suited to the track and I want to give her time to recover," he said. But the trainer still harbours hopes of landing the classic he won 12 months ago with Lady Carla.

"Hopefully, Reams Of Verse [sixth in the 1,000 Guineas on her seasonal debut] will benefit from racing over further than a mile," Cecil said. "And *I have similar hopes for Yashmak* [fourteenth of 15 in the Newmarket classic], who probably wasn't suited by the fast ground on Sunday." Both are expected to be given their chance in Oaks trials later this month.

Neither Reams Of Verse (by Nureyev) nor Yashmak (by Danzig) reproduced their juvenile form in the 1,000 Guineas. Both fillies were affected by the bout of coughing at Cecil's stable.

While betting on the Oaks remains unsettled, Entrepreneur strengthened his grip on the Derby in the wake of his impressive 2,000 Guineas victory on Saturday. The Sadler's Wells colt yesterday contracted to odds-on after connections of Revoque, second at Newmarket, suggested that their colt might decline a rematch at Epsom.

"We are certainly not making any decision about the Derby just yet," Revoque's trainer, Peter Chapple-Hyam, said. "We will give Revoque *another piece of work on Friday and* take it from there. At present, he is likely to go to the Curragh for the Irish 2,000 Guineas on May 25."

The Derby is 13 days later and Revoque's possible absence prompted Ladbrokes and William Hill to cut Entrepreneur to 5-4 on from even money. The market has also been influenced by Happy Valentine's withdrawal from the big York meeting next week. Happy Valentine has failed to recover sufficiently from a blood disorder and may be forced to contest the Derby without a recent run.

"It would seem connections of Revoque are edging towards keeping the horse to a mile," David Hood, a representative of William Hill, said yesterday. "The challengers to Entre*preneur are dissolving away."* Hood's assessment looks valid to judge by the poor turnout for the Chester Vase today. Just five colts stand their ground; only three are entered in the Derby.

Punters looking for a winner at Chester could do worse than consider the Chester Cup claims of Bowcliffe Court, whose owner and trainer, Alan Spence and Reg Akehurst respectively, warmed up in appropriate style when *Mr Wild* landed the Saxon House Handicap at Kempton yesterday.

*Ben Moore, a claiming rider at*tached to Martin Pipe's stable, was detained in Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital for observation last night after a fall from Roberts Toy in the handicap hurdle at Exeter yesterday.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: PANAMA CITY
(3.10 Chester)
NB: For The Present
(7.00 Doncaster)

Panama City looks capital bet

CHESTER
CHANNEL 4

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.10: Six of the eight contestants have already visited the winner's enclosure. Richard Hannon's Daunting Lady looks the likely favourite after opening her account in good style at Sandown. She has the advantage of the inside berth, but marginal preference is for **Kilgora**, drawn next to her, who made a pleasing debut behind the more experienced Pacifica at Newmarket. Chris Dwyer has a good record with his juveniles and this American-bred filly can go one better. Heavenly Abstone looks the better of David Evans's pair.

2.40: Robert Sangster won this event last year with Legal Right and his Gulf Harbour is a well-regarded newcomer. Solo Mio showed promise last term, splitting King Sound and Haltarra at Newbury before struggling in the competitive Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster. Conon Falls should improve as a three-year-old, but the vote goes to the Henry Cecil candidate, **Memorise**, who looks to be crying out for a longer trip after finishing a creditable fourth behind Rashik over the straight mile at Newbury last month.

3.10: The Manton team can strike here with **Panama City** who, with doubts over Revoque's stamina, can earn *a place in the Derby line-up.* This El Gran Senor colt, despite being weak in the market, shaped encouragingly when runner-up to Fahris at the Craven meeting and *will be more at home over* this extended 12 furlongs. State Fair landed the Washington Singer Stakes at Newbury last term and must be respected. Ghataas won a Newbury maiden in pleasing style and looks best of the remainder.

3.40: Clifton Beat, who has been busy hurdling for Philip Hobbs, returns on a lenient mark and should go well. Martin Pipe's Break The Rules, another versatile performer, won gamely for Amanda Perrett at Doncaster. Kuala Lipis, the Lincoln winner, and Lionize failed to get in a blow behind the disqualified Hunters Of Brora at Newbury, but may fare better over this longer distance.

Bardon Hill Boy has been keeping fit on the all-weather, but Mick Channon should collect this with **Rockforce**, who belied odds of 25-1 with an emphatic success over Virtual Reality at Newbury last month.

DICK HINDER

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

TOTE CHESTER CUP
May 7

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Coral	Tote
Canon Can	5-1	7-2
Bowcliffe Court	5-1	6-1
Top Cees	5-1	6-1
Snow Princess	8-1	7-1
Etterby Park	7-1	10-1
Daraydan	10-1	8-1
Denjing	16-1	10-1
The Flying Phantom	14-1	14-1
Old Rouvel	16-1	14-1
Nanton Point	16-1	16-1
Embryonic	20-1	16-1
Thaljanah	20-1	20-1
Upper Mount Clair	20-1	20-1

THE Tote Chester Cup, run tomorrow around the Roodeye's tight, turning circuit, appears less competitive than usual. Canon Can, representing the Classic-winning Cecil-Fallon combination, has been installed favourite on the strength of his three-length defeat of Top Cees at Newbury last month. He is progressing, but a 5lb rise in this handicap may prove his undoing.

Top Cees comfortably won this race in 1995, but is 15lb higher in the weights now and the forecast rain would not be to his advantage.

Snow Princess proved that she can act on the track when third over 13 furlongs at Chester last August, but has yet to run over this far, while The Flying Phantom has not been in the best of form over hurdles this winter.

Bowcliffe Court beat four of tomorrow's rivals – Embryonic, Etterby Park, Thaljanah and Upper Mount – Clair when making a winning reappearance at Warwick. However, he has not always looked the heartiest of battlers and faces a much stiffer task here.

The Martin Pipe-trained Denjing is another who has looked unenthusiastic on occasions. He is 2lb lower than when narrowly beaten over course and distance last August, and would have solid claims if in the mood. Preference is for his stablemate, Daraydan.

Switched from Lady Herries's yard at the end of last season and gelded, Daraydan has shown high-class form over hurdles, notably when a close third to Istabraq in the Royal SunAlliance Novices' Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival. He caught a tartar when runner-up to Merit in this race last year, runs off the same mark here and may have improved for the Pipe touch. At 10-1 with Coral, DARAYDAN has solid claims.

WINCANTON

THUNDERER
5.45 John Drumm. 6.15 Miners Rest. 6.45 Maid For Adventure. 7.15 Nectanebo. 7.45 Spinning Steel. 8.15 Galatasori Jane

Carl Evans: 7.15 Clobracken Lad.

GOING: FIRM SIS

5.45 WHITSBURY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,953: 2m) (4 runners)
1 1U5- JOHN DRUMM [illegible] J Osborne
2 4111 [illegible] L Cummins (7)
3 4-00 ADMIRAL BRUNY [illegible] C Llewellyn
4 0032 [illegible] A P McCoy
[illegible]

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: [illegible]

JOCKEYS: [illegible]

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Brighton: 2.55 Good News. 4.25 [illegible] 4.55 Duston Boy. With The Tempo. Chester: 4.10 Hawait, Respected. Wincanton: 6.15 Call Me Albi. 6.45 Mr Strong Gale

6.15 FONTHILL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,895: 2m 5f) (4) SKY
1 P431 CALL ME ALBI 4 (B,D,F) Mrs L Richards 6-12-0 (7ex) Mr J Tizzard (7)
2 3P15 FRONTIER FLIGHT 17 (F,G) Miss L Siddall 7-11-10 E Husband (3)
3 115F MINERS REST 215 (BF,F) P Hobbs 9-11-6 Mr R Widger (7)
4 PPP3 LITTLE ROWLEY 43 Mrs L Richards 8-10-4 M Richards
7-4 Call Me Albi, 2-1 Miners Rest, 9-4 Frontier Flight, 10-1 Little Rowley.

6.45 HAYNES PUBLISHING NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,443: 2m 6f) (4) SKY
1 2214 MR STRONG GALE 36 (B,BF,G) P Nicholls 6-11-7 R Johnson
2 6142 MAID FOR ADVENTURE 10 (BF,F) Miss H Knight 6-11-2 J Culloty
3 5603 CARNIVAL CLOWN 21 A Barrow 5-11-0 G Supple (5)
4 0044 WILLOWS ROULETTE 17 A Hobbs 5-11-0 R Greene
5-4 Maid For Adventure, 6-4 Mr Strong Gale, 5-1 Carnival Clown, Willows Roulette.

7.15 R K HARRISON INSURANCE BROKERS NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,714: 2m 5f) (5) SKY
1 4-1U NECTANEBO 6 (F) [illegible] 9-12-4 M Frith (7)
2 PRO- BARROW STREET 352P C L Tizzard 7-12-0 J Tizzard (7)
3 1132 CHISAI 45P (F) S Alner 6-12-0 M G Miller (7)
4 33P3 CLOBRACKEN LAD 6 (F,G) J Sentfield 9-12-0 G Barnes (7)
5 3P12 LINK COPPER 24P (G) Mrs E Taplin 9-12-0 Miss L Blackford (7)
2-1 Chisai, 3-1 Nectanebo, 7-2 Clobracken Lad, 4-1 Link Copper, 10-1 Barrow Street.

7.45 CHEDINGTON HANDICAP CHASE (£3,522: 3m 1f 110yd) (7) SKY
1 -013 DOUALAGO 24 (B,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 7-12-0 A P McCoy
2 -6P5 JAMES PIGG 21 (D,F,G,S) P Nicholls 10-11-13 R Dunwoody
3 2142 DRUMCULLEN 11 (CD,F,G) K Bailey 8-10-9 N Williamson
4 33P3 FROZEN DROP 14 (CD,F,G) P Hitchens 10-10-5 S Fox
5 F351 SPINNING STEEL 11 (C,F,G) P Rodford 10-10-5 S Burrough
6 4154 FOXGROVE 11 (D,BF,F,G) R J Price 11-10-0 X Aizpuru (5)
7 PP0P WOODLANDS GENHIRE 15 (B,D,F) P Pritchard 12-10-0 C Llewellyn
11-4 Frozen Drop, 3-1 Doualago, 9-2 Drumcullen, Spinning Steel, 6-1 James Pigg, 5-1 Foxgrove, 25-1 Woodlands Genhire.

8.15 ROCKBOURNE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,096: 2m 6f) (5)
1 2101 GALATASORI JANE 12 (CD,F) P Nicholls 7-11-10 L Cummins (7)
2 6313 SEVSO 21 (CD,F,S) R Baker 8-10-12 P Henley (3)
3 0501 COUNTRY TARQUIN 61 (CD,G) R Hodges 5-10-4 R Dunwoody
4 4460 CHINA MAIL 160 (F) J Bennett 5-10-1 T J Murphy
5 PFF0 STATION EXPRESS 21 (D,F,G) C Popham 9-10-0 M Griffiths (7)
6-4 Galatasori Jane, 3-1 Sevso, Country Tarquin, 5-1 China Mail, 20-1 Station Express.

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THUNDERER
2.25 Fiveo'clock Shadow. 2.55 Siouxrouge. 3.25 Twin Creeks. 3.55 Rising Dough. 4.25 Roman Reel. 4.55 Chorus Song.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.25 EBF ST ANN'S WELLS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,092: 5f) (6 runners)
1 (4) FIGAWIN G Lewis 9-0 Paul Eddery –
2 (2) 3 FIVEO'CLOCK SHADOW 15 B Meehan 9-0 B Doyle 99
3 (3) FRED'S IN THE KNOW C Murray 9-0 J Stack –
4 (6) 0 LOBUCHE 10 R Hannon 9-0 W J O'Connor –
5 (5) 3 AURIGNY 10 S Dow 8-9 S Sanders 95
6 (1) 3 CHRYSALIS 17 (BF) P Cole 8-9 M Roberts 86
13-8 Chrysalis, 4-1 Fiveo'clock Shadow, 5-1 Figawin, Lobuche, 11-2 Aurigny, 16-1 Fred's In The Know.

2.55 HOLLINGBURY CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,277: 7f) (9)
1 (5) 3156 SIOUXROUGE 83 (BF,G) P Haslam 8-7 S Drowne 93
2 (7) -143 WITHOUT FRIENDS 25 (F,G) J Ffitch-Heyes 9-3 S Whitworth 99
3 (9) 03 GOING GREEN 8 J Fanshawe 8-12 D Harrison 85
4 (5) 0-30 MAJOR TWIST 36 (BF) R Hannon 8-9 W J O'Connor 90
5 (3) 550- GOOD NEWS 241 (B) M Madgwick 8-8 R Perham 95
6 (2) 2450 BON GUEST 7 T Naughton 8-7 R Ffrench (5) 90
7 (6) 000- CHOPIN 238 R Johnson Houghton 8-7 S Sanders 85
8 (1) -503 LE SHUTTLE 71 M Tompkins 8-9 Dale Gibson 94
9 (4) 6 SOVEREIGN 24 M Meggeridge 7-12 Martin Dwyer (3) –
7-2 Major Twist, 4-1 Siouxrouge, 5-1 Going Green, 11-2 Without Friends, 13-2 Le Shuttle, 7-1 Bon Guest, 10-1 Chopin, 12-1 others.

3.25 LADBROKE HANDICAP (£3,148: 7f) (17)
1 (15) 3063 JO MAXIMUS 25 (CD,BF,F,G) J Smyth-Osbourne 5-10-0 R Ffrench (5) 91
2 (17) 2123 APOLLO RED 14 (C,D,F,G,S) G L Moore 8-9-12 Candy Morris 98
3 (3) 45-1 SIZZLING 26 (C,F) P Hannon 5-9-6 W J O'Connor 93
4 (4) 00-0 DELIGHT OF DAWN 8 (D,F,G) E Wheeler 5-9-3 A Daly (5) 90
5 (7) 4-60 PERFECT POPPY 17 J Fanshawe 3-9-2 D Harrison 91
6 (10) 1665 TWIN CREEKS 8 (D,F,G) V Soane 6-8-10 B Doyle 99
7 (13) 2-00 MOGIN 75 (CD,F) T Naughton 4-8-10 J D Smith (3) 92
8 (8) 40-0 MIGHTY HO 13 P Walwyn 3-8-10 S Sanders 92
9 (2) 0-50 PEARL DAWN 15 (C,F,G) P Clarke 7-8-8 N Adams 98
10 (3) 30-4 VELVET JONES 26 G Charles-Jones 4-8-7 C Carr (7) 98
11 (12) 0-00 IRISH FICTION 25 (CD,F) D Cosgrove 3-8-3 J Stack 92
12 (5) 0060 TACHYCARDIA 15 (C,F,G) R O'Sullivan 5-8-1 D Biggs 88
13 (16) 3023 JUSTMANIUS 15 (BF,G,S) J Bridger 5-8-0 G Bardwell 88
14 (1) 0006 HALBERT 25 (V,C,F,G) M Usher 8-7-13 D R McCabe 95
15 (6) 0-60 ROCKY WATERS 15 (V,D,F,G) M Usher 8-7-12 J Marshall 86
16 (14) 0-06 SHERWOOD 29 R Ivory 4-7-10 Martin Dwyer (3) 87
17 (11) 4368 INTO DEBT 28 (D,G) J Pearce 4-7-10 A McCarthy (7) 88
4-1 Apollo Red, 5-1 Sizzling, 13-2 Jo Maximus, 8-1 Justmanius, 10-1 Mighty Ho, 12-1 Perfect Poppy, Velvet Jones, Irish Fiction, 14-1 others.

3.55 LADBROKE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP (£3,018: 1m 4f) (9)
1 (8) 40-0 RISING DOUGH 26J (C,F) G L Moore 5-9-11 M Batchelor (7) 93
2 (2) 450- DAZZLING 282 D O'Brien 4-9-10 G Bardwell 92
3 (3) -000 MAZUREK 53 (G) M Pipe 4-9-8 Paul Eddery 98
4 (1) 3225 PRINCE DANZIG 20 (CD,F,G) D Murray Smith 6-9-6 R Ffrench (5) 96
5 (4) 4322 BEDOUIN PRINCE 15 (D,G) Mrs L Stubbs 10-8-10 S Sanders 99
6 (5) 2453 NAWAJI 88 W Muir 4-8-4 D Harrison 92
7 (6) -405 COLOUR COUNSELLOR 7J (B,CD,F,G) R Flower 4-8-1 G Hind 93
8 (9) 0-32 DUNCOMBE HALL 25 C Cyzer 4-7-12 D O'Shea 98
9 (7) 0500 MAY KING MAYHEM 20 Mrs A King 4-7-10 A Garth 94
7-2 Prince Danzig, 4-1 Duncombe Hall, 5-1 Rising Dough, 13-2 Nawaji, 7-1 Bedouin Prince, 8-1 Mazurek, 10-1 Colour Counsellor, 12-1 others.

4.25 VARNDEAN SELLING STAKES (£1,985: 1m 2f) (11)
1 (7) 6636 ROMAN REEL 8 (CD,F,G) G L Moore 6-9-12 S Whitworth 88
2 (3) 40-0 ANOTHER FIDDLE 15 (B,F) J Long 7-9-8 S Sanders –
3 (8) -000 DIA GEORGY 744 (F,G,S) C Dwyer 6-9-8 Paul Eddery –
4 (11) 5560 KIROV PROTEGE 14 (G) Mrs L Jewell 5-9-8 D Williams (7) 93
5 (5) 4500 LAW DANCER 13 (G) T Mills 4-9-8 A Whelan (3) 98
6 (9) -222 STELLAR LINE 25 D Elsworth 4-9-8 D Griffiths (3) 99
7 (4) 0-60 BURNING FLAME 113 (B) R Flower 4-9-3 G Hind 71
8 (2) 4364 LEG BEFORUM 24 (B) L Montague Hall 3-8-7 D O'Donohoe (3) 88
9 (1) 3-60 MAC'S DELIGHT 15 R Babbage 3-8-7 V Slattery 84
10 (10) -400 NOBLE HERO 36 J Sheehan 3-8-7 D O'Shea 85
11 (6) 0 KEENEST RELUCTANCE 21 (V) J Fanshawe 3-8-2 N Varley –
2-1 Stellar Line, 9-2 Roman Reel, 11-2 Law Dancer, 13-2 Keenest Reluctance, 8-1 Leg Beforum, 10-1 Mac's Delight, 12-1 Noble Hero, 14-1 others.

4.55 LADBROKE MAIDEN HANDICAP (£3,096: 6f) (15)
1 (2) 65-6 OUT LINE 36 M Madgwick 5-10-0 R Ffrench (5) 97
2 (8) 0-00 DANDY REGENT 19 C Cyzer 3-9-12 D Biggs 97
3 (5) 30-0 SALTIMBANCO 19 R Akehurst 3-9-11 D Denby (7) 98
4 (12) 00-4 CHORUS SONG 17 P Chapple-Hyam 3-9-10 R Havlin (3) 97
5 (7) 300- MARENGO 237 J Akehurst 3-9-7 S Sanders 96
6 (10) 40-0 LUDO 25 R Hannon 3-9-6 W J O'Connor –
7 (3) 60-0 ED'S FOLLY 26 S Dow 4-9-4 A Daly (5) 90
8 (11) 00-0 JOLI'S PRINCE 19 C Murray 3-9-2 Nicola Howarth –
9 (14) 300- DUSTON BOY 235 (B) J Wharton 3-8-2 Dale Gibson –
10 (13) 005- PETER PERFECT 175 G Lewis 3-8-13 Paul Eddery 99
11 (15) 0-02 FLYING HAROLD 7 M Channon 4-8-8 N Adams 99
12 (6) 00-0 FAN OF VENT-AXIA 25 D Cosgrove 3-8-6 J Stack 99
13 (4) 0-00 WITH THE TEMPO 10 (B) J Scargill 4-8-6 R Perham 98
14 (9) 5-00 COLLEGE NIGHT 29 S C Williams 5-8-5 M Henry (3) 97
15 (1) 0.55 ARNIE 10 J Poulton 5-8-1 Martin Dwyer (3) 96
9-2 Chorus Song, 5-1 Saltimbanco, 6-1 College Night, 7-1 Ludo, Peter Perfect, 8-1 Marengo, Flying Harold, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 4 winners from 14 runners, 28.6%; R Akehurst, 20 from 84, 23.8%; P Chapple-Hyam, 3 from 15, 20.0%; J White, 7 from 36, 19.4%; J Akehurst, 3 from 16, 18.8%; R Flower, 9 from 49, 18.4%.

JOCKEYS: S Sanders, 15 winners from 83 rides, 18.1%; D R McCabe, 3 from 18, 16.7%; M J Dwyer, 3 from 19, 15.8%; J D Smith, 4 from 26, 15.4%; D Harrison, 11 from 73, 15.1%; S Whitworth, 13 from 99, 13.1%.

CHESTER

THUNDERER
2.10 Daunting Lady
2.40 SOLO MIO (nap)
3.10 Panama City
3.40 Clifton Beat
4.10 Great Child
4.40 Jennelle

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 MEMORISE (nap). 3.10 Ivan Luis.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 6-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 5F-7F 122YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

2.10 JOSEPH HELER LILY AGNES CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £7,457: 5f) (8 runners) C4
101 (5) 012 YOUNG BNR 7 (D,F) (Mrs C Torkington) P Evans 8-10 J Fortune 99
102 (1) 1 DAUNTING LADY 11 (D,F) (T Dale) R Hannon 8-8 Pat Eddery 98
103 (8) 41 PENNILESS 18 (D,F) (Consortico Ltd) N Tinkler 8-8 J Weaver 88
104 (7) 03312 FILEY BRIGG 10 (D,S) (Dalesmyre Racing) W Kemp 8-5 J Quinn 91
105 (4) 2214 HEAVENLY ABSTONE 15 (V,D,F) (J Abbey) P Evans 8-5 J F Egan 88
106 (2) 2 KILCORA 20 (Dr A Haloute) C Dwyer 8-5 K Fallon 95
107 (6) 12 SALAMANCA 24 (D,G) (Mrs C Dealters) J Berry 8-5 K Darley 92
108 (3) 4 SCENE 7 (P Doam) M Meade 8-5 F Norton 70
BETTING: 2-1 Daunting Lady, 5-1 Salamanca, 6-1 Young Bnr, 13-2 Penniless, Kilcora, 10-1 Filey Brigg, 12-1 Heavenly Abstone, Scene.

1996: CONNEMARA 8-5 K Fallon (100-30) C Dwyer 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

YOUNG BNR 2½l 2nd of 11 to rusty Babe in novice auction at Nottingham (5f, good). DAUNTING LADY beat Phone Alex 2l in 15-runner auction maiden at Sandown (5f, good to firm). PENNILESS beat Out Like Magic head in 7-runner novice race at Thirsk (5f, good to firm). FILEY BRIGG head 2nd of 8 to Lady Moll in novice auction at Ripon (5f, good). HEAVENLY ABSTONE beat Moss Side Monkey 6l in 5-runner auction maiden at Musselburgh (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. KILCORA 2½l 2nd of 9 to Pacifica in maiden at Newmarket (5f, good). SALAMANCA neck 2nd of 7 to Rising Of The Moon in novice race at Warwick (5f, good to firm).
Selection: DAUNTING LADY (nap)

2.40 T.H.L. LEISURE CRABWALL MANOR MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £8,458: 1m 2f 75yd) (10 runners) C4
201 (5) 0 BEHIND THE SCENES 20 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 J Weaver –
202 (4) 03- CONON FALLS 249 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 L Dettori 94
203 (1) 60-0 FABLED LIGHT 21 (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 9-0 M Hills –
204 (8) -48445 GET THE POINT 10 (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 9-0 F Lynch (3) 87
205 (10) GULF HARBOUR (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 J Reid –
206 (9) 05 HYPE SUPERIOR 12 (R Cox) A Bailey 9-0 D Wright 73
207 (2) 8-4 MEMORISE 17 (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0 K Fallon 85
208 (3) 0- MONTFORT 196 (Sir George Meyrick) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn –
209 (7) 020- SOLO MIO 192 (W Said) B Hills 9-0 Pat Eddery 99
210 (6) 0 WALKABOUT 17 (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0 D Holland –
BETTING: 5-2 Solo Mio, 4-1 Memorise, 6-1 Conon Falls, Gulf Harbour, 8-1 Montfort, 12-1 Fabled Light, 14-1 Get The Point, Hype Superior, Walkabout, 25-1 Behind The Scenes.

1996: LEGAL RIGHT 9-0 J Reid (3-1) P Chapple-Hyam 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

CONON FALLS 5l 3rd of 6 to Medaaly in conditions race at Sandown (1m, good). GET THE POINT about 12l 5th of 16 to Rocky Oasis in maiden at Leicester (1m 2f, good to soft). MEMORISE about 4l 4th of 15 to Rashik in maiden at Newbury (1m, good to firm) with WALKABOUT 29l 11th. MONTFORT 11l 9th of 20 to Saucelito Bay in maiden at Chepstow (1m, soft). SOLO MIO ½l 2nd of 9 to King Sound in conditions race at Newbury (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: CONON FALLS

3.10 CHESTER VASE (Group III: 3-Y-O: £29,250: 1m 4f 66yd) (5 runners) C4
301 (4) 002-2 GENEROUS GIFT 19 (BF) (Maktoum al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 8-10 L Dettori 83
302 (5) 2-1 GHATAAS 18 (F) (H al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-10 R Hills 98
303 (2) 2133-1 IVAN LUIS 13 (D,F,S) (L Gaucci) M Bell 8-10 M Roberts 85
304 (1) 212-2 PANAMA CITY 19 (F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-10 J Reid 99
305 (3) 32110- STATE FAIR 219 (C,F,G) (R Richards) B Hills 8-10 M Hills 84
BETTING: 5-4 Panama City, 3-1 State Fair, 7-2 Ghataas, 7-1 Ivan Luis, 8-1 Generous Gift.

1996: HIGH BAROQUE 8-10 J Reid (11-4) P Chapple-Hyam 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

GENEROUS GIFT short-head 2nd of 8 to River's Source in handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). GHATAAS beat Danzari ½l in maiden at Newbury (1m 2f, good to firm). IVAN LUIS beat Happy Minstrel ½l in conditions race at Catterick (1m 4f, good). PANAMA CITY 3l 2nd of 7 to Fahris in listed race at Newmarket (1m 1f, good to firm). STATE FAIR 9l 7th of 8 to Benny The Dip in group III GTECH Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot (1m, good).
Selection: PANAMA CITY

3.40 WALKER SMITH & WAY HANDICAP (£10,866: 1m 2f 75yd) (17 runners) C4
401 (14) 15-410 KUALA LIPIS 17 (F,G) (Sultan Ahmad Shah) P Cole 4-10-0 T Quinn 93
402 (16) 015/01 ROCKFORCE 17 (D,F) (G Musil) M Channon 5-10-0 R Hughes 98
403 (10) 100-0 LIONIZE 17 (F) (M Tabor) P Chapple-Hyam 4-9-12 J Reid 98
404 (4) 00-364 BARDON HILL BOY 54 (D,F,S) (Miss M Breslin) B Hanbury 6-9-12 W Ryan 88
405 (8) 21000- GAME PLOY 178 (CD,F,G) (K Nyseston) D Haydn Jones 5-9-10 Pat Eddery 90
406 (2) 02500- BRANDON MAGIC 109J (G,S) (P Michaelson) I Balding 4-9-10 L Dettori 98
407 (7) 050-05 STONE RIDGE 11 (F,S) (Mrs C Harrington) R Hannon 5-9-7 Dane O'Neill 90
408 (11) 8000-0 WOT NO FAX 13 (D,F) (Kenilworth's Racing Partnership) B Meehan 4-9-6 J Weaver 96
409 (3) 423004 PATER NOSTER 1 (G,S) (The New Window Factory) J A Harris 8-9-6 C Lowther (7) 90
410 (5) 21042- STATAJACK 288 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Slade) D Elsworth 9-9-2 R Cochrane 87
411 (17) 4231-1 BREAK THE RULES 27J (C,D,F,G,S) (A Lomas) M Pipe 5-9-1 K Darley 99
412 (9) 0606-5 POLAR ECLIPSE 24 (G,S) (J Dodd) M Johnston 4-9-0 M Hills 93
413 (1) 38020/ CLIFTON BEAT 17J (G) (D O'Connor) P Hobbs 6-8-7 K Fallon –
414 (6) -65006 CEDEZ LE PASSAGE 13 (G,G) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 6-8-5 M Roberts 93
415 (15) 312-15 ANAK-KU 17 (D,G,S) (Sultan Ahmad Shah) G Kelleway 4-8-4 Angela Gallimore (7) 97
416 (13) 40235- WENTBRIDGE LAD 254 (V,C,F,G,S) (J Pugh) P Evans 7-8-3 J F Egan 90
417 (12) 602565 NORTHERN FAN 4 (G) (Speedlith Group) N Tinkler 5-7-10 L Charnock 90
Long handicap: Northern Fan 7-2.
BETTING: 11-2 Break The Rules, 6-1 Brandon Magic, 8-1 Game Ploy, Rockforce, Stone Ridge, 10-1 Bardon Hill Boy, Kuala Lipis, 12-1 Wentbridge Lad, 14-1 Anak-Ku, Clifton Beat, Lionize, Polar Eclipse, 16-1 others.

1996: HUGWITY 4-8-12 J Stack (6-1) B Hanbury 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

KUALA LIPIS beat Hawksley Hill short-head in 24-runner handicap at Doncaster (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start, with STONE RIDGE (5lb better off) about 13l 12th. ROCKFORCE (2lb worse off) 19½l 22nd and PATER NOSTER (10lb better off) 2l 24th. ROCKFORCE beat Virtual Reality 2½l in 22-runner handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good to firm) with ANAK-KU (11lb better off) about 8½l 5th. BARDON HILL BOY about 2¼l 4th of 12 to Ilsamir in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f). BRANDON MAGIC 10l 7th of 10 to Najm Mubeen in handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). STATAJACK 4l 2nd of 6 to Troubadour Song in claimer at Southwell (AW, 1m 3f). BREAK THE RULES beat Mels Baby neck in lady riders' handicap at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good to firm). POLAR ECLIPSE about 18l 5th of 11 to Hal's Pal in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 100yd).
Selection: ROCKFORCE

4.10 S.I.S. 10TH ANNIVERSARY EARL OF CHESTER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £18,538: 7f 122yd) (16 runners)
501 (3) 1210-0 JEFFREY ANOTHERRED 45 (F,G,S) (Highgrove Dev'ments) K McAuliffe 9-7 R Hughes 90
502 (13) 2231-8 TEST THE WATER 18 (G) (J Threadwell) R Hannon 9-6 Dane O'Neill 91
503 (10) 3104-1 HAWAIT 12 (F) (Maktoum al-Maktoum) B Hills 9-3 M Hills 92
504 (8) 22141- WHAT HAPPENED WAS 228 (F) (Bayla Livestock) M Meade 9-2 D Sweeney (5) 88
505 (14) 032106 FOOT BATTALION 27 (D,G) (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 9-2 F Lynch (3) 87
506 (9) -432312 NOMORE MR NICEGUY 12 (G) (Mrs C McPhail) E Alston 9-1 J Weaver 98
507 (11) 4324-0 PARTY ROMANCE 21 (A Ali) B Hanbury 9-0 W Ryan 93
508 (8) 1-23 NO MORE PRESSURE 10 (D,G) (P Green) N Walker 8-11 Pat Eddery 94
509 (12) 211-10 EFFERVESCENCE 45 (G) (The Gold Buster Syndicate) R Hannon 8-9 K Darley 90
510 (16) 80-5 TRULY PARCHED 18 (BF) (W Armitage) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9 J Reid 92
511 (7) 31-5 RECHULLIN 20 (G) (Mrs P Player) D Loder 8-8 L Dettori 92
512 (6) 543-0 GREAT CHILD 21 (S Sutail) M Stoute 8-8 K Fallon 91
513 (4) -08886 I CAN'T REMEMBER 19 (C,D,F,G,S) (P Graham Racing) P Evans 8-5 J F Egan 90
514 (2) 055-42 BOLLIN TERRY 24 (Sir Neil Westbrook) T Easterby 8-1 L Charnock 92
515 (15) 11-424 RETURN OF AMIN 10 (BF,G,S) (Sheikh Amin Dahlawi) J Bethell 7-10 T Williams 99
516 (1) 400 HIGHLY RESPECTED 13 (B) (G Myson) A Bailey 7-10 D Wright 94
Long handicap: Highly Respected 7-8
BETTING: 11-2 Hawait, 7-1 Rechullin, 8-1 What Happened Was, Bollin Terry, 10-1 Nomore Mr Niceguy, Party Romance, 12-1 Great Child, Return Of Amin, 14-1 others.

1996: FRIENDS CA 9-5 Pat Eddery (14-1) R Hannon 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

TEST THE WATER about 17¾l 6th of 18 to Assid Albadou in handicap at Newbury (1m, good to firm). HAWAIT beat NOMORE MR NICEGUY (8lb better off) ¾l in handicap at Beverley (7f 100yd, good to firm). WHAT HAPPENED WAS beat Falowing ½l in conditions race at Ayr (7f, good to firm). FOOT BATTALION 9l 7th of 12 to Mecatsal in conditions race at Doncaster (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start, with JEFFREY ANOTHERRED (7lb worse off) 4l 11th. NO MORE PRESSURE neck and 2½l 3rd of 11 to Amyas in handicap at Sandown (1m, good to soft). TRULY PARCHED about 5¼l 5th of 9 to Divine Miss-P in auction maiden at Thirsk (6f, good to firm). BOLLIN TERRY 1¼l 2nd of 12 to Strathmore Clear in handicap at Warwick (1m, good to firm) with I CAN'T REMEMBER (9lb better off) about 5¾l 6th.
Selection: NO MORE PRESSURE

4.40 PRINCE OF WALES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £7,386: 5f) (14 runners)
601 (13) 10150- FREDRIK THE FIERCE 234 (CD,F) (C Deuters) J Berry 9-7 K Darley 90
602 (8) 421-08 JENNELLE 7 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Cornwell) C Dwyer 9-6 K Fallon 91
603 (11) 353-50 VASARI 10 (CD,G) (A Tockerman) M Channon 9-4 P P Murphy (5) 92
604 (5) 31853 RUDI'S PET 38 (D,G) (The Broadgate Partnership) R Hannon 9-4 J Reid 91
605 (12) 3413-0 DOUBLE ACTION 27 (D,F) (C Stevens) T Easterby 8-12 M Birch 95
606 (9) 11250- BAYFORD THRUST 201 (D,G) (Mrs J Turner) J Berry 8-10 T E Durcan (5) 98
607 (4) 310-2 SABINA 10 (G) (The Queen) I Balding 8-9 L Dettori 99
608 (14) 10-440 SWINO 17 (D,F) (Swinnerton Transport Ltd) P Evans 8-9 J F Egan 96
609 (10) 14-0 CHERRY BLOSSOM 18 (D,S) (Highclere Racing) R Hannon 8-7 Pat Eddery 94
610 (2) 224-43 DANCETHENIGHTAWAY 5 (D,G) (G Bosley) B Meehan 8-6 Dane O'Neill 91
611 (6) 16-0 ICE AGE 19 (D,F) (P Charter) R Williams 8-2 D Wright 90
612 (7) 28-421 LAMARITA 18 (D,F) (Park Lane Racing / Mrs D A La Trobe) J Eustace 8-0 J Tate 95
613 (1) 43-221 MANGUS 24 (D,F) (Danebury Stables Ltd) K Cunningham-Brown 7-13 P Fessey (5) 98
614 (3) 03-080 DIVIDE AND RULE 18 (D,F) (M Johnson) R Hollinshead 7-10 J Quinn 94
Long handicap: Divide And Rule 7-8.
BETTING: 13-2 Vasari, Rudi's Pet, Sabina, 8-1 Fredrik The Fierce, Jennelle, Lamarita, 10-1 Double Action, Dancethenightaway, 12-1 others.

1996: PRIDE OF BRIXTON 8-3 Paul Eddery (4-1) G Lewis 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

FREDRIK THE FIERCE 7l last of 7 to Easycall in group II Polypipe PLC Flying Childers Stakes at Doncaster (5f, good to firm). RUDI'S PET 4½l 3rd of 8 to Superior Premium in listed race at Haydock (5f, soft) with SWINO (9lb better off) neck 4th, VASARI 5l 5th and JENNELLE (7lb worse off) 3¾l 7th. BAYFORD THRUST better effort 2l 2nd of 8 to Top Of The Form in nursery at York (5f, good) with RUDI'S PET (8lb worse off) 2¼l 5th. SABINA 1½l 2nd of 10 to Hattab in handicap at Sandown (5f, good to firm) with VASARI (8lb better off) 9¾l 9th. LAMARITA beat Lunar Mist 2l in 9-runner conditions race at Thirsk (5f, good to firm) with DIVIDE AND RULE (7lb better off) 10l 7th.
Selection: RUDI'S PET

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
D Loder	4	11	36.4	J Egan	3	13	23.1
J Dunlop	4	15	26.7	R Hughes	3	13	23.1
H Cecil	8	32	25.0	Pat Eddery	15	67	22.4
R Williams	3	12	25.0	W Ryan	10	48	20.8
P Chapple-Hyam	9	38	23.7	K Darley	12	61	19.7
M Stoute	15	67	22.4	J Reid	8	41	19.5

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AUSTIN HARGRAVE

Country style: Dick puts Headley Bravo through his paces in preparation for the Badminton trials

Minor controversy ignites main event

Midday on the Berkshire Downs: a rider and her steed canter in the shimmering heat. The young woman and her glistening bay gelding are taking their daily exercise, striding out for unity, for movement, for the harmony between human and equine minds that they have developed through six years.

It is a picture of rural England. All is serene, but, at the weekend, Daisy Dick will put her animal to the ultimate test of courage, stamina and faith. They will be riding at Badminton, the most intimidating cross country trial known to man or beast.

"One horse, one rider" has become very much the theme, and the controversy, of Badminton this year. Faced with a record 151 entries, the directors had to do something to whittle the field down to the maximum 80. They chose to limit overseas riders, even the great ones and those based in England, to one horse each, irrespective of the quality of their second and third strings. One withering sentence, from Blyth Tait, the New Zealander who is the Olympic champion, rankles with young English entrants:

"It will be disappointing for the public, who expect to see the best available talent. Instead, they will see the best riders with one horse — along with Samantha Clippety-Clop from up the road."

If you wish to stir the competitive hackles of Daisy Dick, try linking her to that slur.

"I'm certainly not Miss Clopperty-Click on a carthorse — or whatever Blyth Tait called her!" Dick said at her home just up the M4 from Badminton. Just as she has never responded to her Christian name, Catherine, she has no intention of rising to the derogatory tone of the master riders who feel that the English entrants should be denied their opportunity over the hallowed and harassing Badminton grounds.

Dick has the benefit of an Oxford education, a degree in zoology ... and the pedigree of a family in which her mother, Caroline, rode to twelfth place at Badminton, and her father, Dave, rode a Grand National winner. So it is in the genes: the style, the competitiveness, the refusal to accept that, even in a world that has ignored her best years and come forward with no main sponsor, she and her horse can be denied their tilt at the big one.

"I hope this isn't going to prove the kiss of death," she said, "but my horse has been at it for ages. He's in under his own merit, he has a damn sight more points than many of the foreign entries. Fourteen may be an unusual age for him to be experiencing his first Badminton, but there are reasons for that."

'You must prepare to give every last ounce'

Those reasons are both human and equine. Headley Bravo, the horse, has found his feet, literally, after years in which he struggled because of tender soles. The Dick family found him an expert farrier in Ian Belcher, who, day by day, month by month, worked on the horse's feet, strengthening them and reshaping the plates. Now Dick, his owner, insists: "He's a changed horse, and now he's over the problems with his feet, he's more than worth his chance."

And the human element? "Oh, I've changed tactics. I suppose from mum and dad I inherited the madness over cross country. I wanted to win every time out; I didn't prioritise.

"Mum suggested I tried to ride him with a bit more care, be a bit less wild. It's working, he's galloping through now at the finish, though if I'm not purple in the face when we come to the end of Badminton, then I'm sure the family will think I haven't given it everything. You don't have to go hell for leather in the minor three-day events, but for Badminton, you must prepare to give every last ounce."

She cannot know exactly how Headley Bravo will respond with almost 200,000 spectators on the course on Saturday. She has ridden her other horse, Little Victor, twice at the event, but, as bold and as brave as he was, he simply would not jump into the Lake. "We called it a day with him," Dick, 25, said. "He has become arthritic. It wouldn't be fair to him, and, to tell you the truth, I think his mind is going as well. They say that to jump Badminton the horse and rider need perfect trust, or the horse has to be quite stupid in obeying orders."

Stupidity would get them nowhere. This is the consummate examination of intelligence allied to cavalier boldness. A rogue instinct, running wild, would soon be exposed, and, by 4.30pm tomorrow, when the entrants have trotted up their horses before the vets, there will be no suspect partnerships entered for the 1997 Badminton.

It will be a compelling spectacle. *Le concours complet*, as the French call three-day eventing, requires, on consecutive days, the control of dressage, a measured leaping quality across country, and then the precision of showjumping. More than that, as Dick has found, it examines the mental toughness of the partnership. "You can walk the course four times, measure every fence and decide every angle in your mind," she said, "and then, on the Saturday, you find you are galloping through a tunnel of thousands of people; the horse can't see the next fence, can't anticipate it, and it is up to you to transmit to him what is coming."

Dick cannot be certain of the next turn in her own life. She bought Headley Bravo as a young rider's horse, initially with ambitions in showjumping. She won her first class one three-day event, on Little Victor, at Windsor, at the age of 20, and has been striving for another triumph ever since. It has been elusive, although last year she had four lesser victories on Headley Bravo and finished third in the Scottish championships, third at Boekelo, in Holland, and ranks in the top ten in this country; indeed, the European listing puts Headley Bravo third.

"My ambition is to try to get a really nice team of horses," she said. "I wouldn't want more than five or six, but I do need to improve the quality if I am to challenge really top riders like Mary Thomson and Blyth Tait. But I'm aware that I've got a degree to fall back on; I can't keep on leeching off my parents for ever. If I did really well this season, and still didn't find a sponsor, I might have to start thinking of working for a living."

That, however, is not uppermost in her mind. First is the challenge, and the privilege, of being a British competitor at Badminton. At Oxford University, she rowed and played lacrosse for Worcester College. No equestrianism? "I applied to the Oxford Riding Club and they asked how high I could jump," she said. "I replied that it depended what horse I was riding, and I didn't bother with the riding club."

Independent, unswayed, she feels that she has earned the right to join the club at Badminton, and the words of the late Lieutenant Colonel Frank Weldon, the designer who set up Badminton as the most intimidating test of horsemanship, come to mind: "It's the blood that counts ... in human beings too."

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TEN BANK HOLIDAY MEETINGS

Kempton Park

Going: good

2.10 (5f) 1, ANOTHER FANTASY (Dane O'Neill, 13-2); 2, Indian Silver (T Quinn, 4-1); 3, Posttio (O Peslier, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Memorial (4th), 7 Lisa's Pride, 8 Angelique (5th), 25 Really Done It Now, Sergeant Imp (6th). 8 ran. 2½l, 3l, 1½l, nk, sh hd. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £8.30; £2.00, £1.70, £2.10. DF: £14.70. CSF: £28.12.

2.40 (1m 4f) 1, MR WILD (T Quinn, 4-1 fav); 2, Atlantic Mist (S Sanders, 9-2); 3, Tawafek (O Peslier, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Durham, Traceability (4th), 10 Grand Splendour, Supreme Sound, 12 Pistol (5th), Renzo, 20 Clouds Hill, 25 Greenwich Fore, 66 Blue And Royal (6th). 12 ran. 2½l, 4l, nk, 2½l, sh hd. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £4.70; £2.10, £1.80, £2.50. DF: £9.60. Trio: £15 80. CSF: £18.69. Tricast: £97.30.

3.10 (1m) 1, AUTUMN COVER (G Hind, 33-1); 2, Lonely Leader (Dane O'Neill, 12-1); 3, Gold Spats (R Hills, 12-1); 4, Welton Arsenal (Paul Eddery, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Concer Un, 6 Alhawa, 13-2 Star Talent (6th), 7 Forest Robin, 8 Star Manager, 10 Artful Dane, La Modiste, 12 Almond Rock, 14 Hardy Dancer, 25 Wakeel, 33 Amber Fort (5th), 50 Zermatt. 16 ran. ¾l, sh hd, 1l, nk, ¾l. P Hedger at Chichester. Tote: £84.90; £9.20, £3.50, £2.80, £4 80. DF: £916.10. Trio: £1,974.30. CSF: £369.21. Tricast: £4,566.37.

3.40 (6f) 1, TUMBLEWEED PEARL (O Peslier, 4-1); 2, March Star (S Sanders, 8-1); 3, Snap Crackle Pop (Paul Eddery, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Ikdam, 7 Caerfilly Dancer (5th), 8 Carati (4th), 9 Blues Queen (6th), 14 Chloe Nicole, 20 Simple Logic, 25 Sweet Bettsie, 50 Heavenly Miss. 11 ran. 1l, hd, 2½l, 1l, 1½l. B Meehan at Lambourn. Tote: £4.50; £1.90, £3.00, £2.20. DF: £18.20. Trio: £154.30. CSF: £33.24.

4.10 (1m) 1, ZALITZINE (O Peslier, 10-11 fav); 2, Lonely Heart (R Cochrane, 9-1); 3, Henry's Mother (T Quinn, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Boss Lady (6th), 9 Eternity, 20 Limelight, Sandystones, 25 Agili, 33 Dellua (4th), Elegant Dance (5th), Mamma Luigi, 66 Gore Hill, Miss Imp. 13 ran. 1½l, ¾l, 5l, 2l, 1½l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £1.50, £2.20. DF: £6.70. Trio: £32.90. CSF: £7.48.

4.40 (1m 1f) 1, PRINCE OF DENIAL (S Whitworth, 16-1); 2, Sinclimmore Clear (Paul Eddery, 8-1); 3, Bold Oriental (L Dettori, 4-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt-fav Bubbly, 13-2 Moon Blast (5th), 12 Bathe In Light, Doc Ryan's, Fanfall (6th), 14 Brandon Jack, 16 Begorrat, Love Has No Pride (4th), Trooper, 25 Impulsif, 33 Pedauk, Soden. 15 ran. NR: Contentment, Sir Talbot. Sh hd, 1½l, ¾l, 2½l, ¾l. D Arbuthnot at Compton. Tote: £62.70; £9.00, £2.40, £2.20. DF: £136.10. Trio: £138.30. CSF: £105.31. Tricast: £442.23.

5.10 (1m) 1, BADLESMERE (T Quinn, 5-1); 2, Shabeen (W Ryan, 100-30); 3, Chief Monarch (R Cochrane, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Warningford (4th), 9-2 Patriot Games (6th), 10 Eben Albadou, Ilmeb, 12 Shadded, 14 Masterpiece, 16 Haydn James, 20 Khafaaq (5th), 25 Khayal, 33 Polished Steel, Premier Eclipse, Top Of The Green, Travelmate, 50 Chakra. 17 ran. ¾l, 2½l, sh hd, 5l, 2l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £7.60; £2.50, £1.80, £5.50. DF: £5.70. Trio: £201.40. CSF: £23.38.

5.40 (1m) 1, BINT BALADEE (L Dettori, 5-2); 2, Sellish (W Ryan, 6-4 fav); 3, Nubile (G Hind, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Academy Star (4th), 10 Ghayath, Polska Princess, 14 Anchored In Love (6th), Fantastic Flame (5th), 25 Dulcinea, Zibeth, 33 Aquavita, 50 La Chatelaine. 12 ran. Hd, 14l, 1l, 1½l, 2½l. S bin Suroor at Newmarket. Tote: £3.40; £1.60, £1.30, £8.90. DF: £1.90. Trio: £21.70. CSF: £5.69.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £4,297.74 carried forward to Chester today).

Placepot: £480.80. Quadpot: £113.50.

Doncaster

Going: good

2.20 (5f) 1, Jackerin (K Fallon, 9-2); 2, Dim Ots (2-1 fav); 3, Euro Venture (7-1). 7 ran. ¾l, ¾l. B Rothwell. Tote: £4.40; £1.90, £1.90. DF: £3.80. CSF: £13.79. Ragford (12-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 5p in pound.

2.50 (5f) 1, Palacegate Touch (G Carter, 7-2); 2, Lord High Admiral (13-8 fav); 3, General Sir Peter (8-1). 9 ran. NR: Ramsey Hope. 2½l, 2l. J Berry. Tote: £5.20; £1.60, £1.20, £1.90. DF: £3.60. Trio: £9.70. CSF: £8.75.

3.20 (1m) 1, Peartree House (M Roberts, 8-1); 2, Dokos (4-6 fav); 3, Cinema Paradiso (12-1). 6 ran. 1l, 2l. W Muir. Tote: £8.80; £2.30, £1.40. DF: £4.50. CSF: £13.40.

3.55 (1m 2f 60yd) 1, Polar Champ (C Webb, 9-1); 2, Remaadi Sun (5-1); 3, Billy Bushwacker (7-2 fav). 9 ran. NR: Absolutelystunning. Nk, 6l. S Woods. Tote: £13.00; £3.20, £1.90, £1.30. DF: £29.70. Trio: £19.30. CSF: £50.32. Tricast: £174.64.

4.25 (1m 6f 132yd) 1, Remike (M Roberts, 7-4 fav); 2, Sad Mad Bad (15-2); 3, French Mist (12-1). 6 ran. 1½l, 1½l. M Johnston. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £2.80. DF: £8.90. CSF: £13.74.

4.55 (1m 2f 60yd) 1, Pinchincha (N Day, 4-1); 2, Mystic Quest (15-2); 3, Top Shelf (13-2). Kalimat 9-4 fav. 8 ran. 3½l, 6l. D Morris. Tote: £4.80; £2.10, £3.10. DF: £21.80. CSF: £29.45.

5.25 (6f) 1, Halmanerror (J Fortune, 5-1); 2, Mr Speaker (16-1); 3, Two On The Bridge (9-1). Amron 5-2 fav. 12 ran. NR: Fairy Prince. 1½l, 1l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £7.00; £2.30, £9.00, £2.60. DF: £180.50. Trio: £852.80 (part won; pool of £505 71 carried forward to 3.40 at Chester today). CSF: £85.M. Tricast: £672.95.

Placepot: £27.30. Quadpot: £22.00.

Haydock Park

Going: soft

2.00 (1m 2f 120yd) 1, Shouk (O Urbina, 7-4 fav); 2, Georgia Venture (8-1); 3, Maruetto (9-4). 6 ran. NR: Lindrick Lady. 1½l, 19l. L Cumani. Tote: £3.00; £1.60, £2.80. DF: £6.50. CSF: £15.40.

2.30 (5f) 1, Hoh Chi Min (J Reid, 6-1); 2, Ron's Pet (7-4 fav); 3, Peter's Imp (11-2). 9 ran. Sh hd, 3½l. M Bell. Tote: £6.80; £1.60, £1.10, £2.30. DF: £6.10. Trio: £7.30. CSF: £16.01.

3.00 (6f) 1, Tomba (K Darley, 6-1); 2, Cayman Kai (6-4 fav); 3, Man Howa (5-1). 8 ran. Nk, sh hd. B Meehan. Tote: £10.80; £1.80, £1.20, £1.90. DF: £12.10. CSF: £19.11.

3.30 (7f 30yd) 1, Craigievar (N Varley, 9-4 fav); 2, Ramooz (5-2); 3, Musick House (7-2). 5 ran. NR: Master Boots. 2½l, 1½l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £3.50; £1.80, £1.30. DF: £3.10. CSF: £7.24.

4.05 (1m 6f) 1, Turgenev (M Birch, 5-1); 2, Welsh Mill (10-1); 3, Bellara (5-1). Shirley Sue 4-1 fav. 11 ran. 1½l, 5l. R Bastiman. Tote: £5.30; £2.00, £4.80, £1.50. DF: £37.10. Trio: £62.80. CSF: £54.37. Tricast: £250.28.

4.35 (7f 30yd) 1, Rickenbacker (J Reid, 11-8 fav); 2, Sky Commander (9-2); 3, Welcome Home (50-1). 12 ran. ¾l, ¾l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £2.50; £1.30, £2.00, £10.80. DF: £6.20. Trio: not won (pool of £227.19 carried forward to 3.40 at Chester today). CSF: £7.28.

5.05 (1m 3f 200yd) 1, Fairy Knight (Pat Eddery, 5-2); 2, Al's Alibi (2-1 fav); 3, Ledgendry Line (5-2). 4 ran. NR: Lombardic. Hd, 7l. R Hannon. Tote: £2.10. DF: £2.50. CSF: £6.96.

Placepot: £36.40. Quadpot: £8.90.

Newcastle

Going: good to firm

2.25 (5f) 1, Angel Hill (L Charnock, 20-1); 2, Oh Nose Again (2-1 fav); 3, Fairy Domino (11-2). 15 ran. 1l, ½l. T Barron. Tote: £35.50; £8.50, £1.40, £2.70. DF: £40.80. Trio: £108.60. CSF: £54.50.

2.55 (1m 4f 93yd) 1, Desert Fighter (A Culhane, 5-2); 2, Opaque (9-1); 3, Hasta La Vista (9-2). Ballpoint 2-1 fav. 6 ran. Hd, 2½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.60; £2.20, £2.20. DF: £16.30. CSF: £22.45.

3.25 (6f) 1, Smokey From Caplaw (J F Egan, 8-1); 2, Hever Golf Mover (10-1); 3, Levelled (16-1); 4, La Dolce Vita (14-1). William's Well 5-1 fav. 19 ran. ¾l, ¾l. J J O'Neill. Tote: £10.90; £1.30, £1.90, £5.60, £5.70. DF: £246.00. Trio: £366.80. CSF: £82.77. Tricast: £1,209 63.

4.00 (1m 2f 32yd) 1, Stakis Casinos Boy (J Weaver, 13-2); 2, Foreign Rule (1-2 fav); 3, Heart Of Gold (13-2). 7 ran. 3l, 1½l. M Johnston. Tote: £7.00; £2.30, £1.30. DF: £3.80. CSF: £9.75.

4.30 (7f) 1, Rock Island Line (P Roberts, 3-1); 2, Kemo Sabo (5-2 fav); 3, Bon Secret (16-1). 13 ran. 2½l, 1½l. J Berry. Tote: £3.80; £2.30, £1.80, £3.40. DF: £5.90. Trio: £82.80. CSF: £10.76.

5.00 (1m 3yd) 1, Can Can Lady (J Weaver, 11-4 fav); 2, Smart Spirit (5-1); 3, Jalb (5-1). 10 ran. Sh hd, 7l. M Johnston. Tote: £2.80; £1.70, £1.80, £2.20. DF: £11.50. Trio: £33.30. CSF: £15.41. Tricast: £61.57.

Placepot: £26.60. Quadpot: £7.50.

Warwick

Going: good

2.15 (5f) 1, Eastern Lyric (G Duffield, 6-1); 2, Fast Tempo (11-4); 3, Composition (5-4 fav). 9 ran. NR: Belle De Monfort, Dixie Crossroads, Miss Hit. ½l, 1½l. J Berry. Tote: £5.40; £1.80, £1.60, £1.20. DF: £9.60. Trio: £5.40. CSF: £19.79.

2.45 (7f) 1, The Gay Fox (G Duffield, 10-1); 2, Undercover Agent (13-2); 3, Trading Aces (7-1). Jupiter 7-2 fav. 15 ran. NR: Meraud. Hd, nk. B McMahon. Tote: £8.60; £1.90, £3.10, £2.10. DF: £32.30. Trio: £51.M. CSF: £54.80. Tricast: £464.79.

3.15 (1m 2f 169yd) 1, Dauphin (F Norton, 9-2 fav); 2, General Haven (10-1); 3, Golden Touch (20-1); 4, Shalateeno (11-2). 20 ran. Nk, sh hd. W Musson. Tote: £5.30; £1.60, £2.40, £4.20, £1.70. DF: £17.50. Trio: £309.80. CSF: £39.00. Tricast: £783.99.

3.45 (1m 4f 115yd) 1, Sudest (Martin Dwyer, 7-2); 2, Maradi (6-5 fav); 3, City Gambler (5-2). 4 ran. ¾l, 17l. I Balding. Tote: £4.20. DF: £3.30. CSF: £7.61.

4.15 (6f) 1, Shadow Jury (G Duffield, 4-1); 2, Tymeera (9-1); 3, Gymcrak Flyer (11-4 fav). 13 ran. ½l, ½l. D Chapman. Tote: £5.00; £1.70, £2.50, £2.10. DF: £11.20. Trio: £39.00. CSF: £44.05.

4.45 (1m) 1, Tigrello (G Duffield, 3-1); 2, Saddlers' Hope (4-1); 3, Flint Knapper (15-8 fav). 9 ran. NR: Flotilla, Ndaba. 6l, 2½l. G Lewis. Tote: £3.60; £1.50, £1.50, £1.10. DF: £4.70. CSF: £14.60.

Akehurst: Kempton winner

5.15 (1m) 1, King Athelstan (S Righton, 12-1); 2, Abtaal (14-1); 3, Mr Cube (10-1); 4, Zahran (16-1). Cee-Jay-Ay 5-1 fav. 17 ran. NR: Amnesty Bay, Coline Choice, Queen Of Shannon. ¾l, 2l. B McMahon. Tote: £19.30; £4.50, £3.30, £2.30, £3.20. DF: £292.00. Trio: not won (pool of £355.92 carried forward to 3.40 at Chester today). CSF: £149.94. Tricast: £1,670.34.

5.45 (1m) 1, Zoom Up (S Drowne, 7-1); 2, Hever Golf Glory (3-1); 3, Aerleon Pete (5-1). Sturgeon 85-40 fav. 11 ran. ½l, 2½l. M Heaton-Ellis. Tote: £8.20; £1.70, £1.30. DF: £10.20. Trio: £119.60. CSF: £27.99.

Placepot: £46.10. Quadpot: £11.00.

Exeter

Going: good, good to firm in places

2.00 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Disallowed (A P McCoy, 1-12 fav); 2, Rachel Louise (10-1); 3, Up The Tempo (33-1). 4 ran. 10l, 5l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £1.20. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.13.

2.30 (2m 7f 110yd ch) 1, Trust Deed (D Salter, 10-1); 2, Mr Playfull (9-4); 3, Decyborg (8-11 fav). 6 ran. 1½l, 12l. S Knight. Tote: £6.50; £2.50, £1.40. DF: £10.70. CSF: £32.37.

3.00 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Ath Cheannaithe (T Dascombe, 6-4); 2, Blair Castle (5-4 fav); 3, Gabish (50-1). 4 ran. 4l, dist. J Neville. Tote: £2.30. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.97.

3.30 (2m 3f 110yd) 1, Wixoe Wonder (A P McCoy, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Jonjas Chudleigh (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Wot No Gin (3-1). 5 ran. 16l, 13l. M Bradstock. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £1.20. DF: £3.10. CSF: £7.93.

4.00 (2m 7f 110yd) 1, Chillipour (Mr L Baker, 4-6 fav); 2, Mighty Falcon (7-1); 3, Abbotsham (11-2). 8 ran. Nk, 8l. V Dartnall. Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £5.00. CSF: £6.07.

4.30 (2m 2f) 1, Bramshaw Wood (J Frost, 20-1); 2, Storm Forecast (11-8 fav); 3, My Micky (20-1). 12 ran. Nk, 7l. R Alner. Tote: £22.00; £4.30, £1.20, £6.40. DF: £15.50. CSF: £41.61.

Placepot: £80.80. Quadpot: £6.00.

Fontwell Park

Going: good to firm

2.00 (2m 2f 110yd hdle) 1, Ela Agapi Mou (P Holley, 6-4 fav); 2, Sterling Fellow (20-1); 3, Anna Soleil (11-4). 6 ran. 2½l, 11l. G L Moore. Tote: £2.70; £1.70, £3.90. DF: £14.70. CSF: £25.30.

2.30 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Keep It Zipped (J Osborne, 8-11 fav); 2, Master Crusader (8-1). 4 ran. 10l. O Sherwood. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.70. CSF: £3.21.

3.00 (2m 2f 110yd hdle) 1, Janzsoph (G Tormey, 9-4); 2, Peter Monamy (8-13 fav); 3, The Grey Texan (33-1). 6 ran. NR: Circus Colours, Halham Tarn. 19l, 3l. P Hobbs. Tote: £3.30; £1.50, £1.20. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.60.

3.30 (2m 2f ch) 1, Full Of Tricks (L Aspell, 10-1); 2, Eau So Sloe (20-1); 3, Swift Pokey (50-1). Snowy Petrel 1-3 fav. 5 ran. NR: Chapilliere. 8l, dist. J Bridger. Another Comedy (4-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies, deduction 20p in pound.

4.00 (2m 3f ch) 1, Blazer Moriniere (S Fox, 3-1); 2, Groovng (11-8 fav); 3, Polden Pride (9-2). 8 ran. NR: Mine's An Ace. 3l, 10l. P Richens. Tote: £4.40; £1.80, £1.60, £1.70. DF: £4.90. CSF: £7.75. Tricast: £16.03.

4.30 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, St Ville (G Supple, 9-2); 2, Scud Missile (11-2); 3, Jackson Flint (9-2). Pinch 100-30 fav. 10 ran. 1½l, 1½l. R Buckler. Tote: £5.20; £1.80, £1.80, £1.90. DF: £6.30. CSF: £27.38. Tricast: £108.96.

Placepot: £429.90. Quadpot: £35.90.

Ludlow

Going: good to firm, good patches

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, Bright Eclipse (M Griffiths, 11-2); 2, Serious Option (25-1); 3, Flash Chick (66-1). Royal Ag Nag 8-11 fav (pu). 7 ran. 19l, 8l. J O'Shea. Tote: £10.40; £2.10, £3.60. DF: £26.10. CSF: £73.14.

3.05 (2m hdle) 1, Embankment (M A Fitzgerald, 2-5 fav); 2, Floosy (12-1); 3, Music Please (4-1). 11 ran. 2l, 2½l. N Henderson. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £1.50, £1.30. DF: £4.90. CSF: £6.05.

3.35 (3m ch) 1, Nordic Valley (D Walsh, 11-4); 2, Furry Fox (4-1); 3, Bowles Patrol (7-4 fav). 9 ran. 3l, 10l. M Pipe. Tote: £3.00; £1.70, £1.70, £1.70. DF: £10.80. CSF: £12.77. Tricast: £22.39.

4.05 (2m hdle) 1, Courageous Knight (B Fenton, 6-1); 2, Percy Braithwaite (2-1 fav); 3, Tango Man (6-1). 7 ran. ¾l, 2l. P Hayward. Tote: £8.00; £3.80, £1.70. DF: £8.70. CSF: £16.16.

4.35 (2m ch) 1, Sigma Run (M A Fitzgerald, 13-8 fav); 2, Eurolink Shadow (5-1); 3, Hugh Daniels (33-1). 6 ran. NR: Bally Cruise. 25l, 8l. J O'Shea. Tote: £2.70; £1.70, £2.40. DF: £4.40. CSF: £9.23.

5.05 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, One More Dime (B Fenton, 10-1); 2, The Eens (8-1); 3, Generous (12-1). Hancock 15-8 fav (pu). 11 ran. ½l, 18l. J Needham. Tote: £18.90; £2.50, £2.40, £2.50. DF: £75.60. CSF: £75.85. Tricast: £689.48.

Placepot: £980.90. Quadpot: £49.23.

Southwell

Going: good to soft, soft in places

2.30 (2m ch) 1, Appearance Money (M Foster, 6-1); 2, Cool Weather (11-2); 3, Ball Tender (11-2). Bit Of A Dream 2-1 fav. 8 ran. 9l, 5l. F Murphy. Tote: £6.90; £1.70, £1.50, £1.60. DF: £22.90. CSF: £33.90. Tricast: £171.68.

3.00 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Prince Buck (J Railton, 13-2); 2, Alaskan Heir (14-1); 3, Fern Leader (8-1). Crown Equerry 10-11 fav. 9 ran. NR: Royal Hand. 20l, 3l. M Roberts. Tote: £7.70; £1.80, £2.20, £2.30. DF: £36.40. CSF: £90.92.

3.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Royal Square (Mr R Thornton, 16-1); 2, Peruvian Gale (5-2); 3, Acajou III (11-10 fav). 5 ran. 10l, 20l. N Lamoden. Tote: £12.80; £3.00, £1.30. DF: £20.10. CSF: £51.33.

4.00 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Trifast Lad (Mr P Hacking, 11-10 fav); 2, Kambalda Rambler (4-1); 3, Fifth Amendment (12-1). 7 ran. ½l, 25l. M Roberts. Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £2.90. DF: £5.30. CSF: £5.60.

4.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Jervaulx (R Dunwoody, 2-1 fav); 2, Silent Cracker (12-1); 3, General Parker (11-2). 14 ran. 2½l, 11l. G Richards. Tote: £3.70; £2.40, £3.30, £2.50. DF: £41.90. CSF: £26.64.

5.00 (2m hdle) 1, Fair And Fancy (A S Smith, 2-1 fav); 2, Ino Mon (9-2); 3, Cragary (9-2). 7 ran. 12l, 7l. Miss M Milligan. Tote: £2.90; £1.90, £2.20. DF: £4.10. CSF: £11.06.

5.30 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Dockmaster (A S Smith, 7-2); 2, Soloman Springs (9-1); 3, Pharare (4-1). Grosvenor 11-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: Gimme, Senelia Boy. 15l, dist. Miss M Milligan. Tote: £4.80; £1.10, £2.20, £1.80. DF: £18.80. CSF: £32.01. Tricast: £120.70.

Placepot: £227.20. Quadpot: £29.40.

Towcester

Going: good

2.20 (2m hdle) 1, The Flying Doctor (W McFarland, 5-2 fav); 2, Bayerd (7-2); 3, Our Eddie (3-1). 9 ran. NR: Ultimate Warrior. 4l, 4l. G Balding. Tote: £5.00; £2.10, £1.80, £1.10. DF: £10.50. CSF: £11.54.

2.50 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Khalidi (G Bradley, 1-3 fav); 2, Slapleford Lady (3-1); 3, Old Redwood (7-1). 3 ran. 5l, dist. D Gandolfo. Tote: £1.40. DF: £1.40. CSF: £1.80.

3.20 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Entefaal (T J Murphy, 15-8 fav); 2, Able Player (9-4); 3, Cambo (11-2). 4 ran. 10l, hd. J King. Tote: £2.60. DF: £1.90. CSF: £5.94.

3.50 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Crackling Frost (P Henley, 4-5 fav); 2, Mine's An Ace (7-1); 3, Chill Wind (7-2). 5 ran. ¾l, 25l. Mrs D Haine. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.60. DF: £4.30. CSF: £5.47.

4.20 (3m 6f ch) 1, Severn Invader (Miss H Gosling, 9-4 fav); 2, Tea Cee Kay (4-1); 3, Copper Thistle (3-1). 7 ran. 10l, 3l. Miss H Gosling. Tote: £2.80; £1.70, £1.80. DF: £4.20. CSF: £11.36.

4.50 (3m hdle) 1, Ardent Love (R Massey, 6-4 fav); 2, Madam's Walk (5-1); 3, Qunag (8-1). 8 ran. 7l, 14l. D Nicholson. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £1.90, £2.90. DF: £3.90. CSF: £9.70. Tricast: £43.69.

Placepot: £9.70. Quadpot: £4.70.

DONCASTER

THUNDERER

6.00 Adrenalin. 6.30 Fame Again. 7.00 Bajan Rose. 7.30 Sam Rockett. 8.00 Mengaab. 8.30 Father Dan.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 8.30 JACK THE LAD.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 8.00 Mengaab.

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DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.00 CAPRICORN SELLING STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,784: 5f) (13 runners)

1	014	DIAMOND STEVE 10 (V,D,BF,F) N Tinkler 9-4	Kim Tinkler 5
2	3	ADRENALIN 3 Mrs J Ramsden 8-11	J Fortune 12
3		SLIM PRIOR K Burke 8-11	G Carter 9
4	4	CALLIRAM 14 M Blanshard 8-6	R Cochrane 11
5	00	COMPANYS GAMBLE 13 B Baugh 8-6	A Culhane 1
6		FLEUR-DE-LYS W Musson 8-6	A McGlone 4
7	0	HAMERRA 17 M Meade 8-6	F Norton 10
8	6	I'M NOT SURE 45 J Berry 8-6	M Roberts 13
9		MIGHTY SURE P Calver 8-6	Darren Moffatt (3) 8
10	0	MISS BEVELED 25 M Brittain 8-6	G Duffield 6
11		SIXTH AVENUE R Whitaker 8-6	D McKeown 7
12	00	SUNSHINE PET 13 J J O'Neill 8-6	J Carroll 3
13	00	SWIFT TIME 7 M R Bosley 8-6	C Rutter 2

4-1 Adrenalin, 5-1 Calliram, Fleur-de-Lys, 6-1 I'm Not Sure, 7-1 Hamerra, 8-1 Diamond Steve, 10-1 Slim Prior, Mighty Sure, 12-1 others.

6.30 BEACHCOMBER HANDICAP (SKY)

(£4,273: 7f) (22)

1	-000	CARPURTON 27 (CD,F,S) J Glover 4-10-0	T Penglenego (7) 14
2	00-4	DESERT CAT 11 M Wane 4-9-11	J Carroll 16
3	1000	PRINCELY SOUND 15 (G) M Bell 4-9-7	M Fenton 19
4	00-0	ALMASI 15 (C,F,G) C Wall 5-9-7	W Lord 22
5	545-	LEGAL ISSUE 158 (CD,F,G,S) W Haigh 5-9-5	D Pears (3) 1
6	6-00	SOMERTON BOY 18 (D,F,G) P Calver 7-9-4	N Day 12
7	0-65	ALLINSON'S MATE 41 (B,CD,F,G) T Barron 9-9-3	Victoria Appleby (7) 10
8	3000	WILL DO 14 M Meade 4-9-3	F Norton 4
9	51-1	BARRACK YARD 24 (D,G) A Stewart 4-9-1	M Roberts 21
10	-401	FAME AGAIN 7 (CD,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-1(5ex)	J Fortune 3
11	006-	OCHOS RIOS 193 (C,D,F,G,S) B Rothwell 6-9-0	O Urbina 18
12	5-00	GAIN LINE 10 Bob Jones 4-8-13	A McGlone 9
13	400-	AXEMAN 244 (F) Mrs J Bower 5-8-13	R Cochrane 17
14	6442	BE WARNED 8 (B,D,F,G) M Dods 6-8-11	G Carter 13
15	00-5	SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 36 (C,D,F,G,S) J Watts 9-8-11	G Duffield 6
16	000-	NKAPEN ROCKS 154 J H Wilson 4-8-8	A Culhane 5
17	1515	NAPOLEON STAR 15 (B,F,G) S Bowring 6-8-4	D McKeown 8
18	000-	GIRL OF MY DREAMS 204 M Heaton-Ellis 4-8-3	J Lowe 11
19	06/0	SATURIBA 20 J A Harris 4-7-11	R Mullen (5) 20
20	066-	DONA FILIPA 210 Miss L Siddall 4-7-10	N Carlisle 15
21	0-00	ORIOLE 8 (D,F,S) E Incisa 4-7-10	Kim Tinkler 7
22	000-	PERSEPHONE 267 J L Harris 4-7-10	J Fowle (7) 2

6-1 Barrack Yard, 7-1 Fame Again, Sagebrush Roller, 8-1 Almasi, Allinson's Mate, 10-1 Be Warned, 12-1 Ochos Rios, Napoleon Star, 14-1 others.

7.00 BRITISHRACING.COM LIMITED STAKES (SKY)

(£3,428: 6f) (7)

1	010-	ALPINE HIDEAWAY 185 (F) B Hanbury 4-9-4	W Ryan 7
2	40-0	DEPRECIATE 18 (D,G) C James 4-9-4	C Rutter 4
3	60-3	FOR THE PRESENT 17 (D,F,G) T Barron 7-9-4	K Darley 2
4	30-0	BAJAN ROSE 3 (D,F,G,S) M Blanshard 5-9-1	R Cochrane 6
5	1	MOUCHE 28 (F) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-8	J Fortune 3
6	60-0	THE LAMBTON WORM 27 (D,F) D Smith 3-8-8	K Fallon 1
7	1-	BINT ALBAADIYA 214 (D,G) M Stoute 3-8-5	L Dettori 5

2-1 Bint Albaadiya, 3-1 For The Present, 7-2 Mouche, 5-1 Bajan Rose, 10-1 Alpine Hideaway, 12-1 Depreciate, 25-1 The Lambton Worm.

7.30 DONCASTER SPONSORSHIP CLUB HANDICAP (SKY)

(£3,720: 1m 4f) (11)

1	300-	TAPPETO 228 (F) H Candy 5-9-13	C Rutter 10
2	0-32	SHAFFISHAYES 8 (BF,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-7	L Dettori 7
3	20-2	BLENHEIM TERRACE 26 (G) C Booth 4-9-6	K Hodgson 3
4	4201	ROAD RACER 8 (G) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-1(5ex)	J Fortune 11
5	122-	FAUGERON 264 (D,F,G,S) N Tinkler 8-9-0	L Charnock 1
6	652-	INDIANA PRINCESS 201 Mrs M Reveley 4-9-0	A Culhane 2
7	30-0	ANCHOR VENTURE 14 S Woods 4-8-13	W Ryan 4
8	0-43	AUGUSTAN 8 (D,F) S Gollings 6-8-11	K Fallon 6
9	1-46	REAGANESQUE 15 (D,F) P Murphy 5-8-9	S Drowne 5
10	30-0	DASHING INVADER 27 P Harris 4-7-12	F Norton 9
11	2-00	SAM ROCKETT 83 Miss G Kelleway 4-7-12	R Mullen (5) 8

9-2 Shaffishayes, Road Racer, 5-1 Blenheim Terrace, Augustan, 8-1 Faugeron, Indiana Princess, Reaganesque, 10-1 others.

8.00 GREAT LEGER RACING GAME GAMBLE MAIDEN STAKES

(£4,435: 1m str) (18)

1	0-	ATOMIC SHELL 276 C Wall 4-9-10	G Duffield 9
2		CHIEF CONNECTIONS M Bielby 4-9-10	D McKeown 6
3	0	TRAMLINE 10 M Blanshard 4-9-10	J Quinn 2
4		WAASEF Miss G Kelleway 4-9-10	R Cochrane 3
5	03-2	WESTERN SONATA 40 Lord Huntingdon 4-9-5	Dane O'Neill 14
6		ABOO HOM A Stewart 3-8-11	M Roberts 7
7	5-5	EASTERN EAGLE 41 J Eustace 3-8-11	J Tate 4
8		FORTUNE HUNTER W Jarvis 3-8-11	J Weaver 1
9	0	GRAND HOTEL 20 P Harris 3-8-11	A McGlone 17
10	3	LORD EUROLINK 20 J Dunlop 3-8-11	T Quinn 18
11	3-	MENGAAB 244 J Gosden 3-8-11	L Dettori 8
12	4	MILITARY 11 H Cecil 3-8-11	K Fallon 15
13		PRINCE ALEX A Stewart 3-8-11	K Darley 10
14		STRILLO N Babbage 3-8-11	W Ryan 16
15	0-	TARRADALE 179 C Booth 3-8-11	K Hodgson 12
16	0	GLORIOUS DANCER 12 J Hetherton 3-8-6	M Birch 5
17		TIMISSA L Cumani 3-8-6	O Urbina 13
18		TOP J Fanshawe 3-8-6	N Day 11

5-2 Mengaab, 9-2 Lord Eurolink, Military, 7-1 Timissa, 10-1 Aboo Hom, Western Sonata, 12-1 Fortune Hunter, Top, 12-1 others.

8.30 PORT LOUIS HANDICAP

(£3,758: 1m 2f) (20)

1	405	DURAID 20 D Smith 5-10-0	A Culhane 7
2	6-32	PEPPERS 7 K Burke 4-9-10	K Fallon 16
3	3300	BERNARD SEVEN 18 (F,G) M Dods 5-9-5	J Weaver 14
4	500-	ESSAYEFFSEE 182 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 8-9-2	K Darley 11
5	0826	FATHER DAN 10 (D,BF,F,G) Miss G Kelleway 8-9-1	G Duffield 1
6	10-0	LAPU-LAPU 25 (D,F) M Camacho 4-8-13	L Charnock 4
7	056-	MR ROUGH 144 (F) D Morris 6-8-12	N Day 8
8	36-3	RICCARTON 18 P Calver 4-8-8	M Birch 15
9	006-	GOLD DESIRE 195 (D,F,G,S) M Brittain 7-8-6	G Carter 6
10	04-2	STEP N GO 26 (BF) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-5	J Fortune 13
11	0-00	JACK FLUSH 18 B Rothwell 3-8-4	M Fenton 5
12	030-	CHAMPAGNE N DREAMS 262 (F) D Nicholls 5-8-3	Iona Wands (5) 18
13	-000	AFRICAN SUN 5 M Chapman 4-8-2	F Norton 20
14	-800	CUBAN REEF 31 (D,F,G) W Musson 5-8-2	J Quinn 12
15	60-0	BOLD SAINT 17 P Harris 3-8-2	A McGlone 19
16	-640	MARSH MARIGOLD 17 (S) J Hetherton 3-8-1	N Carlisle 10
17	5000	ONEOFTHEOLDONES 29 (G) J Norton 5-8-1	J Fanning 17
18	0641	JACK THE LAD 5 (F) J Hetherton 3-7-13	N Kennedy 3
19	60-0	BURLESQUE 27 J Bethell 3-7-13	T Williams 2
20	0-05	PC'S CRUISER 8 (G) N Littmoden 5-7-13	R Mullen (5) 9

6-1 Peppers, 7-1 Riccarton, Step N Go, 8-1 Jack The Lad, Father Dan, 10-1 Essayeffsee, Gold Desire, 12-1 Jack Flush, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Babbage, 3 winners from 11 runners, 27.3%; H Cecil, 21 from 87, 24.1%; J Gosden, 29 from 133, 21.8%; Miss G Kelleway, 6 from 30, 20.0%; J Dunlop, 23 from 123, 18.7%; M Stoute, 17 from 93, 18.3%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 36 winners from 197 rides, 18.3%; W Ryan, 19 from 124, 15.3%; C Rutter, 3 from 20, 15.0%; K Darley, 31 from 242, 12.8%; K Fallon, 22 from 192, 11.5%; T Quinn, 14 from 123, 11.4%; R Cochrane, 15 from 150, 10.0%.

THE SANYO CUP

1997 RUGBY UNION ENGLISH CLUB CHAMPIONS

WASPS v WORLD XV

AT TWICKENHAM

Saturday 24 May 1997 Kick Off: 3.00pm

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JUNIOR (under 16 years): £7 (in adult £15 area only)

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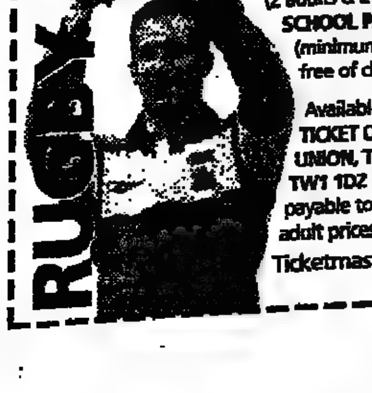

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The ITF players, their points and their values if you are considering the transfer option

GOALKEEPERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
10101	M Watt	Aberdeen	1.50	0	-12
10102	N Walker	Aberdeen	1.00	0	-14
10201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	-1	+37
10202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.75	0	0
10203	J Lukic	Arsenal	0.75	0	+1
10301	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	3.50	-3	+26
10302	M Oakes	Aston Villa	1.00	-2	+17
10401	T Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	-3	-5
10402	S Given	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	+4
10501	G Marshall	Celtic	3.50	-1	-2
10502	S Kerr	Celtic	3.00	0	+30
10601	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	0	+10
10602	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	2.00	0	-27
10603	F Grodas	Chelsea	3.00	+5	-6
10701	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	-3	-41
10702	J Filan	Coventry City	0.50	0	0
10801	M Taylor	Derby County	1.00	0	-2
10802	R Hoult	Derby County	1.00	0	-41
10804	M Poom	Derby County	1.00	-1	-3
10901	A Maxwell	Dundee United	0.50	0	+4
10902	L Key	Dundee United	0.50	0	-10
10903	S Dykstra	Dundee United	2.50	+5	+4
11001	I Westwater	Dunfermline	0.50	-1	-56
11101	N Southall	Everton	2.50	-5	-33
11103	P Gerrard	Everton	2.50	0	+1
11201	G Rousset	Hearts	2.00	0	-5
11301	J Leighton	Hibernian	1.50	-5	-29
11401	D Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.00	-5	-36
11501	M Beeney	Leeds United	1.50	0	+5
11502	P Evans	Leeds United	0.25	0	0
11503	N Martyn	Leeds United	2.50	+5	+41
11601	K Poole	Leicester City	1.00	0	-19
11603	K Keller	Leicester City	1.00	-3	-22
11701	D James	Liverpool	5.00	-1	+14
11702	T Warner	Liverpool	0.50	0	0
11703	J Nielsen	Liverpool	1.00	0	0
11801	P Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.00	-3	+3
11802	R Van Der Gouw	Manchester United	1.00	0	+2
11901	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-20
11903	B Roberts	Middlesbrough	1.50	-3	-4
11904	M Schwarzer	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	-3
12001	S Howie	Motherwell	1.50	0	-22
12101	S Hislop	Newcastle United	4.00	0	-18
12102	P Srnicek	Newcastle United	3.00	+5	+5
12201	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	-49
12202	A Fettis	Nottingham Forest	0.75	-1	+1
12301	S Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50	-3	-77
12401	A Goram	Rangers	5.00	0	+29
12402	A Dibble	Rangers	3.50	0	+10
12501	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	-9	-15
12502	M Clarke	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
12601	D Beasant	Southampton	1.00	0	-28
12602	N Moss	Southampton	0.25	0	+2
12604	M Taylor	Southampton	1.00	+5	+8
12702	L Perez	Sunderland	0.50	+5	-37
11803	T Coton	Sunderland	1.00	0	+9
12801	I Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	3.50	-3	-11
12802	E Baardsen	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	+1	+1
12901	L Miklosko	West Ham United	2.00	-1	-22
13001	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	1.00	-1	-2
13002	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.00	0	-4

FULL BACKS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
20101	S McKimmie	Aberdeen	2.00	0	+8
20201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	-1	+38
20202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	0	+49
20301	S Staunton	Aston Villa	3.00	-4	+39
20302	A Wright	Aston Villa	3.00	-2	+63
20303	G Charles	Aston Villa	2.50	0	0
20305	F Nelson	Aston Villa	3.00	-2	+46
20401	H Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	-1	+28
20402	G Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	-1	+30
20403	J Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	-1	+21
20404	G Croft	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+2
20501	J McNamara	Celtic	3.00	0	+38
20502	T McKinlay	Celtic	3.00	0	+23
20601	D Petrescu	Chelsea	3.00	+4	+31
20602	S Clarke	Chelsea	2.00	0	+7
20604	S Minto	Chelsea	1.00	+3	-1
20701	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.50	-1	-11
20703	B Borrows	Coventry City	1.00	0	-10
20704	M Hall	Coventry City	1.00	0	+6
20801	C Powell	Derby County	1.50	0	+10
20802	D Yates	Derby County	1.00	0	+4
20901	M Malpas	Dundee United	1.00	0	+55
20902	M Perry	Dundee United	0.50	+1	+45
20903	N Duffy	Dundee United	0.50	0	+10
21001	C Miller	Dunfermline	0.25	0	-5
21002	A Tod	Dunfermline	0.25	+3	-8
21101	M Hottiger	Everton	2.50	0	-6
21102	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	2.00	0	+14
20603	T Phelan	Everton	2.00	-2	-3
21103	E Barrett	Everton	1.50	-2	+16
21201	G Locke	Hearts	2.00	0	+25
21202	N Pointon	Hearts	1.00	0	+24
21301	W Miller	Hibernian	1.00	0	+7
21302	A Dow	Hibernian	1.00	0	+12
21402	G MacPherson	Kilmarnock	0.50	-2	-3
21501	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	+4	+51
21502	A Dorigo	Leeds United	2.50	+4	+20
21504	G Halle	Leeds United	1.00	+4	+40
21601	M Whitlow	Leicester City	0.50	0	+5
21602	S Grayson	Leicester City	0.50	-2	+7
21604	F Rolling	Leicester City	0.25	0	0
21701	R Jones	Liverpool	3.00	0	-1
21702	S Harkness	Liverpool	1.50	0	-3
21703	S I Bjornebye	Liverpool	0.50	0	+46
21801	D Irwin	Manchester United	4.00	0	+40
21802	G Neville	Manchester United	3.00	-1	+30
21803	P Neville	Manchester United	3.00	-1	-1
21901	N Cox	Middlesbrough	2.50	0	-11
21903	C Morris	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-1
21904	C Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.75	-2	+7
21905	C Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.25	-1	+13
21906	V Kinder	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	+2
22002	S McMillan	Motherwell	0.50	0	+6
22101	W Barton	Newcastle United	3.00	+4	+8
22102	S Watson	Newcastle United	3.00	+3	+24
22103	R Elliott	Newcastle United	2.50	+7	+23
22104	J Beresford	Newcastle United	2.50	+4	+11
22201	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	4.00	-1	+10
22202	D Lyttle	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+9
22203	A I Haaland	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	+20
22204	N Jerkan	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	-4
22301	P Bonar	Raith Rovers	0.75	0	-16
22302	D Kirkwood	Raith Rovers	0.50	-1	-13
22401	D Robertson	Rangers	2.50	0	+45
22402	J Brown	Rangers	2.00	0	0
22501	I Nolan	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	-4	+22
22502	P Atherton	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	-4	+25
22503	S Nicol	Sheffield Wednesday	1.00	-2	+7
22504	D Stefanovic	Sheffield Wednesday	1.00	-4	+6
22505	L Briscoe	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	+3
22601	J Dodd	Southampton	1.50	0	-4
22602	F Benali	Southampton	0.75	+4	+6
22603	S Charlton	Southampton	0.75	0	+4
22701	D Kubicki	Sunderland	0.50	0	+5
22702	M Scott	Sunderland	0.50	0	+4
22703	G Hall	Sunderland	0.25	+1	+7
22704	J Eriksson	Sunderland	1.50	0	-1
22801	D Austin	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	-1	+7
22802	C Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	+12
22803	J Edinburgh	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0	+15
22804	D Kerslake	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0
22805	S Carr	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0	-3
22901	J Dicks	West Ham United	4.00	0	+23
22902	T Breacker	West Ham United	1.00	0	+3
22903	K Rowland	West Ham United	1.00	0	-4
22904	M Bowen	West Ham United	1.00	0	+2
23001	B Thatcher	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+9
23002	A Kimble	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+13
23003	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+26
23004	D Jupp	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
23006	C Perry	Wimbledon	0.25	-1	+39

Paul Kitson, of West Ham, ITF-rated at £1.5 million, celebrates the second of his three goals against Sheffield Wednesday

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
30101	B Irvine	Aberdeen	2.00	0	-6
30102	C Woodthorpe	Aberdeen	1.50	+1	+2
30103	A Kombouare	Aberdeen	2.50	+3	+4
30201	A Adams	Arsenal	4.00	0	+43
30202	S Bould	Arsenal	3.00	0	+41
30203	M Keown	Arsenal	3.00	0	+50
30205	S Marshall	Arsenal	1.00	0	+14
30301	G Southgate	Aston Villa	3.50	-2	+40
30302	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	3.00	+1	+71
30305	R Scimeca	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+28
30401	C Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	-1	+31
30402	I Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	-1	+2
30403	C Coleman	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	-3
30404	N Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	0	+6
30501	T Boyd	Celtic	3.00	0	+33
30502	M MacKay	Celtic	1.50	0	+37
30503	A Stubbs	Celtic	3.50	0	+22
30504	B O'Neil	Celtic	3.00	0	+4
30505	E Annoni	Celtic	3.00	0	+4
30601	M Duberry	Chelsea	2.50	0	+1
30602	F Leboeuf	Chelsea	2.50	0	+33
30603	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	+3	+1
30604	D Lee	Chelsea	2.00	0	+3
30605	A Myers	Chelsea	1.50	0	+5
30606	E Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50	+3	+16
30701	L Daish	Coventry City	2.00	0	+5
30702	R Shaw	Coventry City	1.50	-1	+2
30704	G Breen	Coventry City	1.50	-1	-2
30706	A Evtushok	Coventry City	1.50	0	+1
30801	I Stimac	Derby County	2.50	0	-10
30802	D Wassall	Derby County	1.00	0	0
30303	P McGrath	Derby County	2.50	0	-4
30803	J Laursen	Derby County	1.00	0	+12
30804	M Carbon	Derby County	0.50	0	-5
30901	S Pressley	Dundee United	1.00	+4	+54
31001	M Millar	Dunfermline	0.75	0	-6
31002	I Den Bieman	Dunfermline	0.75	-1	-19
31101	D Unsworth	Everton	2.50	0	+12
31102	D Watson	Everton	2.50	-2	+12
31103	C Short	Everton	2.00	0	+6
31201	D McPherson	Hearts	1.00	0	+30
31202	P Ritchie	Hearts	1.00	0	+34
31301	J McLaughlin	Hibernian	0.50	-3	+4
30902	B Welsh	Hibernian	0.75	0	+9
31302	G Hunter	Hibernian	0.50	0	-3
32302	S Dennis	Hibernian	1.00	0	-19
31401	M Reilly	Kilmarnock	1.00	-2	+13
31402	R Montgomerie	Kilmarnock	0.75	-2	+12
31501	D Wetherall	Leeds United	2.50	+4	+42
31502	R Jobson	Leeds United	1.00	0	+2
31503	L Radebe	Leeds United	1.00	+4	+30
31504	J Pemberton	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
31505	R Molenaar	Leeds United	2.00	0	+23
31601	S Walsh	Leicester City	1.00	+2	+13
31602	J Watts	Leicester City	1.00	0	+8
31603	P Kamark	Leicester City	0.50	-1	+4
31604	S Prior	Leicester City	1.00	0	+1
31605	M Elliott	Leicester City	1.50	-1	+4
31701	P Babb	Liverpool	3.50	0	+24
31703	M Wright	Liverpool	3.50	0	+30
31704	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.00	-1	+13
31705	D Matteo	Liverpool	1.00	0	+26
31706	B Kvarme	Liverpool	2.00	0	+3
31801	G Pallister	Manchester United	3.50	-1	+14
31802	D May	Manchester United	3.00	-1	+33
31803	R Johnsen	Manchester United	2.50	0	+21
31901	N Pearson	Middlesbrough	1.50	-1	+6
31902	S Vickers	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-6
31903	D Whyte	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-10
31904	P Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	-4
31905	G Festa	Middlesbrough	1.50	-1	+7
32001	B Martin	Motherwell	1.50	0	-4
32002	M Van Der Gaag	Motherwell	0.75	0	+18
32101	P Albert	Newcastle United	4.50	0	+18
32102	S Howey	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+7
32103	D Peacock	Newcastle United	3.00	+4	+21
32201	C Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+5
32202	S Chettle	Nottingham Forest	2.50	-1	+13
32203	S Blatherwick	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	-5
32303	D Craig	Raith Rovers	0.50	-1	-13
32304	G Mitchell	Raith Rovers	0.50	-1	-11
32401	R Gough	Rangers	3.50	0	+57
32402	A McLaren	Rangers	3.00	0	+23
32403	J Bjorklund	Rangers	3.50	0	+39
32404	G Petric	Rangers	2.50	0	+18
32501	J Newsome	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	0	+15
32502	D Walker	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	-4	+25
32503	B Linighan	Sheffield Wednesday	0.25	0	0
32601	K Monkou	Southampton	1.50	0	-18
32602	A Neilson	Southampton	1.00	0	+7
32603	R Dryden	Southampton	0.50	+4	+3
32604	C Lundekvam	Southampton	0.50	+4	+3
32605	U Van Gobbel	Southampton	1.50	+3	-9
32701	A Melville	Sunderland	1.00	0	+12
32702	K Ball	Sunderland	1.00	+4	+14
32703	R Ord	Sunderland	0.50	+4	+18
32801	S Campbell	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	-1	+23
31702	J Scales	Tottenham Hotspur	3.50	-1	+8
32802	C Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	-1	+17
32803	G Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	0
32806	S Nethercott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	-8
32807	R Vega	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00	-1	+5
32901	S Bilic	West Ham United	2.50	+4	+14
32902	M Rieper	West Ham United	2.50	-1	+10
32903	S Potts	West Ham United	2.00	0	+3
32904	R Hall	West Ham United	1.50	0	+4
32905	R Ferdinand	West Ham United	0.50	-1	+6
33001	A Reeves	Wimbledon	1.00	0	-2
33003	A Pearce	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
33004	D Blackwell	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+16
33005	B McAllister	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+12
33006	S Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	0.25	0	0

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
40101	D Windass	Aberdeen	3.00	+2	+42
40102	S Glass	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+24
40103	P Bernard	Aberdeen	2.50	+1	+9
40104	I Kiriakov	Aberdeen	2.50	0	+28
40105	T Tzvetanov	Aberdeen	0.50	+2	+27
40201	D Platt	Arsenal	4.50	+1	+44
40202	P Merson	Arsenal	4.00	+1	+57
40203	R Parlour	Arsenal	2.00	+1	+26
40204	G Helder	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
40205	I Selley	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
40208	P Vieira	Arsenal	3.00	0	+40
40209	R Garde	Arsenal	2.00	0	+7
40210	S Hughes	Arsenal	2.00	0	+15
40301	M Draper	Aston Villa	4.00	0	+34
40302	A Townsend	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+49
40303	I Taylor	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+42
40304	G Farrelly	Aston Villa	1.00	-1	+1
40306	S Curcic	Aston Villa	3.50	+1	+24
40401	J Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	0	+40
40402	L Bohinen	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0	+29
40403	G Flitcroft	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+1	+30
40404	B McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+21
40405	T Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	-2	+44
40406	P Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	+1	+8
40407	G Donis	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+16
40408	S Ripley	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	+5
40409	M Holmes	Blackburn Rovers	0.75	0	0

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
40501	P McStay	Celtic	3.00	0	+22
40502	A Thom	Celtic	2.50	0	+31
40503	S Donnelly	Celtic	2.50	0	+35
40504	P Grant	Celtic	1.50	0	+26
40505	P Di Canio	Celtic	3.00	+3	+60
40506	D Hannah	Celtic	1.50	0	+15
40507	P O'Donnell	Celtic	2.50	0	+11
40601	R Gullit	Chelsea	3.50	0	+9
40602	D Wise	Chelsea	3.00	+2	+42
40604	C Burley	Chelsea	2.00	0	+39
40605	E Newton	Chelsea	2.00	0	+20
40607	D Rocastle	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
40608	R Di Matteo	Chelsea	3.00	+1	+57
40609	J Morris	Chelsea	2.00	0	+3
40610	P Hughes	Chelsea	2.00	0	+8
40701	J Salako	Coventry City	2.50	0	+32
41501	G McAllister	Coventry City	5.50	+3	+61
40702	E Jess	Coventry City	2.00	0	+32
40703	K Richardson	Coventry City	1.50	0	+35
40704	P Telfer	Coventry City	1.50	+1	+35
40705	P Williams	Coventry City	1.50	+1	+34
40706	M Isaias	Coventry City	0.50	0	0
40707	W Boland	Coventry City	0.25	0	0
40708	M O'Neill	Coventry City	1.50	0	+1
40801	A Asanovic	Derby County	2.00	0	+52
40802	P Simpson	Derby County	1.50	0	+5
40803	R Van Der Laan	Derby County	1.50	+1	+31
40804	D Powell	Derby County	1.00	+1	+27
40805	S Flynn	Derby County	0.75	0	+12
40807	G Rowett	Derby County	0.50	+3	+41
40809	C Dailly	Derby County	1.50	0	+38
40901	G McSwegan	Dundee United	2.00	+3	+31
40902	R Winters	Dundee United	1.50	+1	+66
40903	G Johnson	Dundee United	1.00	0	0
42003	J Dolan	Dundee United	1.00	0	+31
42303	J McInally	Dundee United	0.75	0	+19
40904	D Bowman	Dundee United	0.75	+1	+28
40905	A Benneker	Dundee United	0.50	0	+2
41001	H French	Dunfermline	1.00	+1	+45
41002	C Robertson	Dunfermline	1.00	0	+35
41003	A Smith	Dunfermline	0.75	+5	+53
41004	D Fleming	Dunfermline	0.50	0	+29
41102	G Speed	Everton	4.00	0	+65
41104	J Parkinson	Everton	1.50	0	+31
41106	T Grant	Everton	0.50	0	+11
41108	C Thomsen	Everton	2.00	+1	+14
41202	A McManus	Hearts	1.50	0	+7
41203	S Fulton	Hearts	1.00	0	+34
41302	P McGinlay	Hibernian	1.50	0	+41
41303	G Love	Hibernian	0.75	0	+9
41305	I Cameron	Hibernian	0.75	0	+10
41401	A Mitchell	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	+25
41402	J McIntyre	Kilmarnock	1.00	+3	+48
41403	M Skilling	Kilmarnock	0.75	0	0
41404	J Lauchlan	Kilmarnock	0.50	0	+11
41502	L Bowyer	Leeds United	3.00	+1	+57
41503	A Gray	Leeds United	2.50	0	+1
41504	C Palmer	Leeds United	2.00	+2	+32
41505	R Wallace	Leeds United	1.50	0	+34
41805	L Sharpe	Leeds United	3.50	0	+46
41506	I Harte	Leeds United	1.00	0	+19
41507	M Ford	Leeds United	0.50	0	+19
41509	A Couzens	Leeds United	0.50	0	+8
41510	M Jackson	Leeds United	1.00	0	+10
41601	N Lennon	Leicester City	2.00	+1	+34
41602	G Parker	Leicester City	2.00	+1	+36
41603	S Taylor	Leicester City	2.00	0	+21
41604	J Lawrence	Leicester City	0.25	0	+3
40606	M Izzet	Leicester City	1.00	0	+43
41701	S McManaman	Liverpool	7.00	+1	+57
41702	J McAteer	Liverpool	4.00	+1	+46
41703	J Redknapp	Liverpool	4.00	+1	+28
41704	J Barnes	Liverpool	3.00	0	+55
41705	M Thomas	Liverpool	2.50	+1	+37
41706	M Kennedy	Liverpool	1.00	0	0
41707	P Berger	Liverpool	3.00	+3	+30
41801	R Giggs	Manchester United	7.00	0	+43
41802	R Keane	Manchester United	4.50	0	+20
41803	D Beckham	Manchester United	4.00	+1	+58
41804	N Butt	Manchester United	3.50	+1	+35
41806	B McClair	Manchester United	1.50	0	+9
41807	T Cooke	Manchester United	1.00	0	0
41808	B Thornley	Manchester United	1.00	0	+1
41809	S Davies	Manchester United	0.50	0	0
41810	J Cruyff	Manchester United	2.50	0	+17
41811	K Poborsky	Manchester United	4.00	0	+27
41901	Emerson	Middlesbrough	3.50	+1	+37
41902	Juninho	Middlesbrough	3.50	0	+62
41903	C Hignett	Middlesbrough	2.00	+1	+30
41905	A Moore	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	+6
41906	R Mustoe	Middlesbrough	1.00	+1	+36
41908	C Liddle	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	+6
41909	B Robson	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	+1
41910	P Stamp	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	+22
42001	C McCart	Motherwell	2.00	0	+16
42002	J Philliben	Motherwell	1.00	0	+14
42004	J Hendry	Motherwell	0.75	0	+4
42005	S Valikarri	Motherwell	3.00	0	+9
42101	D Ginola	Newcastle United	5.50	0	+24
42102	R Lee	Newcastle United	5.50	0	+47
42103	K Gillespie	Newcastle United	4.50	-3	+26
42104	D Batty	Newcastle United	3.00	+1	+28
42105	L Clark	Newcastle United	3.00	+1	+22
42107	D Hamilton	Newcastle United	1.50	0	0
42201	I Woan	Nottingham Forest	4.50	0	+36
42202	S Stone	Nottingham Forest	4.00	0	+2
42203	S Gemmill	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	+17
42204	C Bart-Williams	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+21
42205	D Phillips	Nottingham Forest	1.00	+1	+31
42301	T Rougier	Raith Rovers	2.00	0	+33
42302	D Lennon	Raith Rovers	1.00	0	+46
41304	A Millen	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	+25
42304	S Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	+26
42401	P Gascoigne	Rangers	7.00	0	+58
42402	B Laudrup	Rangers	5.00	0	+71
42403	S McCall	Rangers	2.00	0	+9
42404	T Steven	Rangers	1.50	0	+8
42405	J Albertz	Rangers	4.00	0	+59
42501	R Blinker	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+1	+18
42502	M Pembridge	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+1	+51
42504	G Hyde	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+29
42506	M Williams	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
42507	R Jones	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
42508	S Oakes	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+1	+11
42509	W Collins	Sheffield Wednesday	0.75	0	+13
42510	O Trustfull	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+17
42511	B Carbone	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00	+3	+40
42512	D Billington	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
42601	J Magilton	Southampton	2.50	+2	+45
42604	B Venison	Southampton	1.00	0	0
42606	D Hughes	Southampton	0.50	0	+1
42906	R Slater	Southampton	1.00	+3	+24
42607	M Oakley	Southampton	0.50	+1	+31
42609	M Robinson	Southampton	0.25	0	+6
42611	E Berkovic	Southampton	1.00	+1	+33

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42701	M Gray	Sunderland	2.50	+2	+45
42702	S Agnew	Sunderland	1.50	0	+16
42703	A Rae	Sunderland	1.50	0	+14
42704	P Bracewell	Sunderland	0.75	+2	+46
42705	M Smith	Sunderland	1.00	0	+9
42706	C Waddle	Sunderland	1.50	+4	+9
42801	D Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	5.50	+2	+20
42802	R Fox	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00	+1	+27
42803	D Howells	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	+1	+39
42804	J Dozzell	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	+1	+16
42805	A Sinton	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	+1	+46
42806	R Rosenthal	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	+10
42809	A Nielsen	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	+44
42902	I Bishop	West Ham United	2.00	0	+33
42903	M Hughes	West Ham United	2.00	0	+39
42904	D Williamson	West Ham United	1.50	0	+17
42905	J Moncur	West Ham United	1.50	+1	+26
42907	S Lazaridis	West Ham United	0.25	+1	+16
42908	S Lomas	West Ham United	2.00	+1	+7
43001	R Earle	Wimbledon	4.00	+1	+67
43002	O Leonhardsen	Wimbledon	2.50	+3	+51
43003	M Gayle	Wimbledon	2.00	+1	+67
43004	V Jones	Wimbledon	1.50	+1	+37
43005	N Ardley	Wimbledon	0.50	+1	+52
43006	S Castledine	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+6
43007	P Fear	Wimbledon	0.25	0	+10

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50101	S Booth	Aberdeen	4.50	0	+12
50102	D Shearer	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+7
50103	B Dodds	Aberdeen	5.00	+3	+38
50201	I Wright	Arsenal	7.00	0	+66
50202	D Bergkamp	Arsenal	7.00	0	+44
50205	C Kiwomya	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
50206	N Anelka	Arsenal	3.00	0	0
50301	D Yorke	Aston Villa	7.50	+1	+78
50302	S Milosevic	Aston Villa	5.00	+3	+45
50304	J Joachim	Aston Villa	2.00	0	+11
50402	K Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	+1	+55
50404	C Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+42
50405	G Fenton	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+3
50406	N Gudmundsson	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	0
50407	P Pedersen	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+1	+9
50502	J Cadete	Celtic	6.00	+5	+88
50303	T Johnson	Celtic	4.00	0	+20
50601	G Vialli	Chelsea	5.00	+1	+44
50602	M Hughes	Chelsea	4.00	+1	+56
50605	M Stein	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
50606	G Zola	Chelsea	5.00	0	+51
50701	N Whelan	Coventry City	6.00	+1	+42
50702	D Dublin	Coventry City	5.00	+1	+43
50703	P Ndlovu	Coventry City	3.00	+1	+10
52105	D Huckerby	Coventry City	0.50	0	+36
50801	D Sturridge	Derby County	3.00	+3	+50
50802	M Gabbiadini	Derby County	2.00	0	+7
50803	A Ward	Derby County	2.00	+1	+39
50804	R Willems	Derby County	1.00	0	+18
50903	K Olofsson	Dundee United	3.00	0	+20
51001	A Moore	Dunfermline	2.00	+1	+14
51002	S Petrie	Dunfermline	2.00	0	+26
51101	D Ferguson	Everton	6.00	-1	+46
51901	N Barmby	Everton	4.00	+1	+44
51102	G Stuart	Everton	3.00	+1	+38
51105	M Branch	Everton	1.50	+1	+16
51201	J Robertson	Hearts	3.50	+1	+61
51202	C Cameron	Hearts	3.50	+1	+51
51203	D Beckford	Hearts	0.50	0	+4
51301	K Wright	Hibernian	3.00	0	+23
51302	D Jackson	Hibernian	3.00	+1	+52
51401	P Wright	Kilmarnock	3.00	0	+64
51501	T Yeboah	Leeds United	7.00	0	+4
51502	I Rush	Leeds United	3.50	+1	+35
51504	B Deane	Leeds United	2.00	+1	+38
51506	P Laurent	Leeds United	2.00	0	+2
51507	D Lilley	Leeds United	0.75	+1	+3
51601	S Claridge	Leicester City	2.50	+1	+54
51602	E Heskey	Leicester City	2.00	+1	+42
51603	M Robins	Leicester City	0.75	0	+8
51604	I Marshall	Leicester City	0.75	+3	+47
51605	S Guppy	Leicester City	2.00	0	+7
51701	R Fowler	Liverpool	9.00	0	+68
51702	S Collymore	Liverpool	8.00	+3	+50
51801	E Cantona	Manchester United	8.50	+1	+49
51802	P Scholes	Manchester United	5.00	+1	+21
51803	A Cole	Manchester United	4.50	0	+22
51804	O G Solskjaer	Manchester United	3.00	+5	+55
51905	F Ravanelli	Middlesbrough	5.00	+5	+84
51906	M Beck	Middlesbrough	2.50	+3	+39
52001	T Coyne	Motherwell	2.00	0	+52
50902	O Coyle	Motherwell	2.00	0	+32
52002	D Arnott	Motherwell	1.50	0	+18
50401	A Shearer	Newcastle United	10.0	+1	+83
52101	L Ferdinand	Newcastle United	8.50	0	+55
52102	F Asprilla	Newcastle United	6.50	0	+20
52103	P Beardsley	Newcastle United	5.00	0	+32
50501	P Van Hooijdonk	Nottingham Forest	7.00	+1	+49
52201	D Saunders	Nottingham Forest	3.50	+1	+45
52202	B Roy	Nottingham Forest	3.00	+2	+16
52203	P McGregor	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0	0
52204	K Campbell	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0	+33
52205	J Lee	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0	+7
52206	S Howe	Nottingham Forest	0.50	0	0
52207	A Silenzi	Nottingham Forest	0.50	0	+1
52208	I Moore	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	0
52301	P Duffield	Raith Rovers	2.00	+1	+32
52401	G Durie	Rangers	6.00	0	+19
52402	E Andersen	Rangers	5.00	0	+35
52403	A McCoist	Rangers	5.00	0	+40
52404	P Van Vossen	Rangers	6.00	0	0
52405	S Rozental	Rangers	4.00	0	+3
52501	D Hirst	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00	-2	+24
52502	A Booth	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+1	+57
52504	G Whittingham	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+1	+38
52505	O Donaldson	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	+4
52506	R Humphreys	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	0	+20
52601	M Le Tissier	Southampton	7.00	+2	+45
52605	E Ostenstad	Southampton	2.00	+1	+54
52606	M Evans	Southampton	0.75	+1	+15
52701	P Stewart	Sunderland	1.00	+3	+18
52702	C Russell	Sunderland	1.00	0	+20
52703	D Kelly	Sunderland	1.00	0	+20
52704	L Howey	Sunderland	0.50	+1	+7
52705	M Bridges	Sunderland	0.50	0	+16
52708	N Quinn	Sunderland	3.00	+1	+9
52709	A Johnston	Sunderland	2.00	+3	+6
52801	E Sheringham	Tottenham Hotspur	8.00	+1	+36
52802	C Armstrong	Tottenham Hotspur	7.00	0	+19
52803	R Allen	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	+5
52804	S Iversen	Tottenham Hotspur	3.50	0	+32
50203	J Hartson	West Ham United	3.50	+5	+28
52903	I Dowie	West Ham United	2.00	0	+16
52104	P Kitson	West Ham United	1.50	+13	+34
53001	D Holdsworth	Wimbledon	3.00	0	+23
53002	E Ekoku	Wimbledon	3.00	0	+52
53003	J Goodman	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+8
53004	J Euell	Wimbledon	0.75	+1	+3
53005	A Clarke	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+7
53006	M Harford	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+6

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60101	R Aitken	Aberdeen	2.50	+3	+30
60202	A Wenger	Arsenal	3.50	-1	+44
60301	B Little	Aston Villa	3.50	-1	+50
60402	A Parkes	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	-1	+25
60501	T Burns	Celtic	4.00	+3	+73
60601	R Gullit	Chelsea	2.50	+1	+61
60702	G Strachan	Coventry City	1.00	-1	+21
60801	J Smith	Derby County	0.75	+3	+41
62302	T McLean	Dundee United	0.75	+3	+64
61001	B Paton	Dunfermline	0.50	+3	+31
61102	D Watson	Everton	2.00	-1	-1
61201	J Jefferies	Hearts	2.00	-1	+40
61302	J Duffy	Hibernian	1.00	-1	+13
61402	B Williamson	Kilmarnock	0.75	-1	+17
61502	G Graham	Leeds United	2.00	+1	+32
61601	M O'Neill	Leicester City	0.50	+1	+32
61701	R Evans	Liverpool	4.50	+3	+62
61801	A Ferguson	Manchester United	5.00	+1	+68
61901	B Robson	Middlesbrough	2.00	+3	+39
62001	A McLeish	Motherwell	1.50	0	+23
62102	K Dalglish	Newcastle United	4.50	+3	+21
62202	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	2.00	+1	+5
62401	W Smith	Rangers	5.00	0	+75
62501	D Pleat	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	-1	+56
62601	G Souness	Southampton	0.50	+3	+24
62701	P Reid	Sunderland	0.50	+3	+23
62801	G Francis	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00	-1	+28
62901	H Redknapp	West Ham United	2.00	+3	+26
63001	J Kinnear	Wimbledon	1.00	+1	+51

Solid English defence holds line for Scottish Cadete force

THE TIMES ITF INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL

IN ASSOCIATION WITH Sky sports INTERACTIVE

ANONYMITY, more usually the preserve of pools winners, has taken over the Interactive Team Football game this week. The weekly prize-winner did not give his, or her, name or address when making the entry by telephone.

However, it has not stopped the selections scoring 39 points for the team without a name, which wins the £250 weekly prize. We have the personal identification number of the winner, who should contact the telephone number given below to claim the prize.

The team offers a striking north-south divide, relying on the parsimony of a goalkeeper and defence taken from the FA Carling Premiership, while both the strikers are taken from the Bell's Scottish League.

Nigel Martyn, of Leeds United, who kept a clean sheet against Chelsea on Saturday, was the team's joint-top scorer, with five points, along with Jorge Cadete, of Celtic, who scored two goals against Hibernian on Sunday.

Valued by ITF at £6 million, Cadete is the most expensive player in the team, but, having accrued 88 points, he appears to be money well spent and compares favourably with some of the more expensive strikers that are on offer.

The team is:

Goalkeeper
N Martyn (Leeds)

Full backs
G Halle (Leeds)
D Petrescu (Chelsea)

Central defenders
S Bilic (West Ham)
A Adams (Arsenal)

Midfield players
Juninho (Middlesbrough)
P McGinlay (Hibernian)
D Beckham (Man Utd)
P Di Canio (Celtic)

Strikers
D Jackson (Hibernian)
J Cadete (Celtic)

Manager
G Strachan (Coventry)

You can still use the ITF transfer system, even though the regular transfer system has ended for the season, which allows you to change up to two players each week and to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership or Bell's Scottish League premier division.

You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone), call the 0891 866 968 line during the times given. From outside the United Kingdom, you must call 0044 990 200 668.

When making a transfer, you must ensure that the team does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club.

If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the prizes — the overall £50,000, monthly £1,000 or weekly £250.

□ *All Interactive Team Football transfer queries should be directed to 0171-757 7016. All other inquiries can be made on 01582 488 122.*

Cadete was a star performer for Celtic and the manager of the unknown week's winner of Interactive Team Football

THIS WEEK'S TRANSFERS

There are no transfers or loaned players in Interactive Team Football this week

HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS IN ITF

All 1996-7 matches in the FA Carling Premiership, FA Cup, Bell's Scottish League premier division and Tennents Scottish Cup from August 17 count for points. Penalty shootouts do not count but results decided in this way will count for managers.

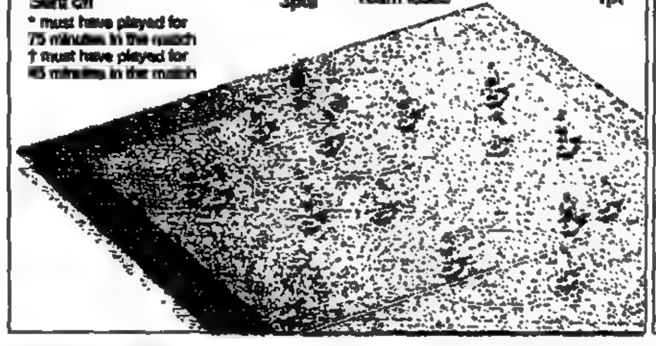
POINTS SCORED

Goalkeeper		Striker	
Keeps clean sheet*	4pts	Scores goal	2pts
Scores goal	3pts	All players	
Saves penalty	1pt	Appearance†	1pt
Full back/Central defender		Scores hat-trick	6pts
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts	Manager	
Scores goal	3pts	Team wins	3pts
Midfield player		Team draws	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	1pt		
Scores goal	2pts		

POINTS DEDUCTED

Goalkeeper		Booked	1pt
Concedes goal	2pts	Concedes penalty	1pt
Full back/Central defender		Misses penalty	1pt
Concedes goal	1pt	Scores own goal	1pt
All players		Manager	
Sent off	3pts	Team loses	1pt

* must have played for 75 minutes in the match
† must have played for 45 minutes in the match



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HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER IN ITF

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If telephoning from outside the United Kingdom call 44 990 200 668.

You may make transfers only by telephone using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone). You will need your ten-digit selectors PIN, which you will have to tap in, not speak. Follow the simple instructions and tap in the five-digit codes of the players you are transferring.

You may only make transfers in one team per telephone call. If you have entered two teams and want to make transfers in both, you must make two separate calls.

You may transfer two (but no more than two) individuals (two players or one player and a manager) during a transfer week. A player being transferred out must be replaced by one from the same category and you must keep to the team format of a goalkeeper, two full backs, two central defenders, four midfield players, two strikers and a manager. You must not exceed the £35 million budget and have no more than two individuals from the same club. Incorrect transfers will be rejected and your team will remain in its previous form.

The transfer week runs from 00.01 on Tuesday to midnight the following Monday. Transfers made before *noon each day will become effective immediately. Transfers made after noon will become effective for* matches played after noon on the following day.

Your new player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but he then ceases to score for you.

If a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You must adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points.

Calls will be charged at 50p per minute. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much.

Player out .... Player code □□□□□
Club ....
Player in .... □□□□□
Club ....

THE LEADING 250 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL GAME

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1=	Turner's Earners 5	(P Turner)	778
1=	Sophie And Sam	(G Foster)	778
3=	Edmo Utd	(D Edmondson)	774
4=	Turner's Earners 3	(P Turner)	763
5=	Jones Boys Three	(M Jones)	762
6=	Brain's Team	(B Howes)	753
7=	Nobby 32	(J Brown)	752
7=	Nobby	(J Brown)	752
9=	John Hunt Taunton D	(J Hunt)	751
10=	Nobby 4	(J Brown)	742
11=	Bob's Boys 2	(R Calder)	739
11=	John Hunt Taunton H	(J Hunt)	739
13=	12 Angry Men	(D Cook)	738
14=	Pin Ups Two	(P Tusler)	737
15=	Daggers	(V Cox)	732
16=	Nonchalant AFC 3	(R J Ward)	731
17=	Dour Rangers 3	(I Clayton)	729
17=	Nobby 11	(J Brown)	729
19=	Icarus	(B Wells)	728
20=	Ab 4	(A Boyland)	727
21=	Nobby 29	(J Brown)	723
22=	Nobby 22	(J Brown)	722
23=	A	(M Corless)	721
24=	Jabberwocky	(PA Amoss)	719
24=	Beeston Celtic	(B McGivern)	719
24=	Nobby 33	(J Brown)	719
27=	Turner's Earners 1	(P Turner)	717
28=	Abc	(M Baber)	713
28=	John Hunt Taunton G	(J Hunt)	713
30=	Blythe Spartans	(T Blythe)	712
31=	Jones Boys Eight	(M Jones)	707
32=	Noah's Ark	(G P Dolan)	705
32=	Turner's Earners 4	(P Turner)	705
32=	Nobby 21	(J Brown)	705
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35=	Uni Boys Utd 1	(B Gardiner)	704
35=	Watermish FC	(M Kirkwood)	704
38=	BCFC 1998	(J Bithell)	700
39=	Mean Machine	(P Ford)	697
40=	Partick Bilbao 3	(J Hamilton)	696
41=	Where's Ray Gone?	(P Fromm)	695
42=	Krystonia 2	(S Roberts)	694
42=	Farr Academicals	(A Kirkwood)	694
44=	Turner's Earners 6	(P Turner)	693
45=	Storm	(P Mills)	692
45=	Club18-30 Tossa	(A Robson)	692
47=	Concrete Banana	(S Mingle)	691
47=	Tur	(P Turner)	691
47=	Nobby 23	(J Brown)	691
50=	Misfits	(R Lockyer)	690
51=	Afc	(M Baber)	689
51=	Man City Free Zone	(D Ingham)	689
53=	Bladerunners	(P Walters)	688
53=	Thorn Foolery FC	(M Horan)	688
53=	John Hunt Taunton F	(J Hunt)	688
53=	Hunter's Mob	(C Hunter)	688
57=	1970 Jr FC	(J Ross)	687
57=	Midfield Magic	(J Pregon)	687
59=	Jan 2	(J Clayton)	686
60=	Scholes For Goals	(K Booth)	685
60=	Bob's Boys 4	(R Calder)	685
62=	Always Portugal 1	(V Guimaraes)	684
63=	Irwin's Best	(L Sampson)	683
64=	You're Not Very Well	(R Laskowski)	682
64=	Born Losers	(P Parkins)	682
64=	Orvieto Classico	(J Bradshaw)	682
64=	Gestalt	(R Rowe)	682
68=	Inter The Stand	(M Ward)	681
68=	JJB Sports	(A Bates)	681
70=	John Hunt Taunton E	(J Hunt)	680

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71=	Garforth Seahawks	(I Doughty)	679
74=	John Hunt Taunton C	(J Hunt)	678
75=	Tulip's Tops	(D Tulip)	677
76=	Braindeous United	(G Weiss)	676
76=	Bob's Boys 3	(R Calder)	676
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76=	Jones Boys Sky	(M Jones)	676
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80=	Set Against Cys	(S Shipley)	675
82=	Inter The Pub	(M Ward)	674
82=	Nobby 7	(J Brown)	674
84=	Glen Duffers	(S Wilson)	672
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84=	Sam Shanks	(S Shanker)	672
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84=	LFC Champs 9697	(B Fazakerley)	672
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89=	Nobby J	(J Brown)	670
91=	Nobby 20	(J Brown)	669
92=	Bubwith Utd 5	(M Larcombe)	667
92=	Elsmore United	(P Leader)	667
92=	Top Banana	(M Bottomley)	667
92=	Nobby 12	(J Brown)	667
96=	Enid 2	(J Hagger)	666
97=	Enid Four	(J Feather)	665
97=	Ball Watchers	(J Murray)	665
97=	The Dummies 1	(D Shiels)	665
100=	Inter The Unknown	(P Barnett)	664
101=	PJB Rovers	(P J Butler)	663
101=	Alice	(I Pigeon)	663
103=	Bonnet Bhoys	(A Sharpe)	662
103=	PJ Thistle	(R Newbould)	662
105=	Team C	(A Lone)	661
105=	Caught Lucky	(C Wright)	661
105=	Ebbey's 1st XI	(S Baldrick)	661
105=	Nobby 25	(J Brown)	661
108=	Murray's Magicians	(M MacMillan)	660
108=	Kinky Imports	(S Fraser)	660
108=	Bob's Boys 5	(R Calder)	660

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109=	Val3	(K Howson)	660
113=	Smile's Dream	(C A Kitchen)	659
114=	Mars FC	(M Baber)	658
114=	AJK	(K Hughes)	658
114=	Nobby 14	(J Brown)	658
117=	Inter The Wallet	(M Ward)	657
117=	Shot On Sight 2	(P Goldstraw)	657
119=	Nell Madrid	(N Ratcliffe)	656
119=	Tree Tabletoppers	(M A Kennedy)	656
119=	Mmm Fantasy Leaguers	(M Madden)	656
119=	Nobby 5	(J Brown)	656
119=	Skyforest	(A Burton)	656
124=	No Midfield	(J B Portwood)	655
124=	Raj Is Back To Kill 6	(R Gohil)	655
126=	The Far Side	(C Hadfield)	654
126=	S Gill Taunton A	(S Gill)	654
128=	Agapanthus FC	(W Heslop)	653
128=	Infinity George	(M Robson)	653
128=	A2	(K Farhall)	653
131=	Bacardi Boys	(M Woodley)	652
131=	NST Monkstone	(J Staszkiewicz)	652
131=	Lynne's Lions	(L Hiorns)	652
134=	Caroline B	(A Luckhurst)	651
134=	Animals	(L Clark)	651
134=	Airstir	(I Fyfe)	651
137=	Nobby 34	(J Brown)	650
138=	Alencia FC	(A Stilliano)	649
138=	Star Chamber	(M MacMillan)	649
138=	Come On You Rocks	(no name)	649
138=	Byzantine Bricks	(S Houghton)	649
138=	Northern Lights	(C Wright)	649
143=	Diplomatic Risk	(G Prichard)	648
143=	John Hunt Taunton A	(J Hunt)	648
145=	JD 3	(J Donaldson)	647
145=	Mapflappers	(P Reid)	647
145=	Porcelain Dogs	(A Ibison)	647
145=	Cookie's Gunners	(S Cook)	647
145=	Schoko Zoo	(P Roach)	647
145=	The Winners VW	(V Wadhwa)	647
145=	Lesley's Legmen	(L Michaelis)	647
152=	Fendon United	(E Cowen)	646
153=	Jones Boys One	(M Jones)	645
153=	Hannah's Heroes	(C Bennett)	645
153=	Langton Longballs	(M Ward)	645
156=	Wingless Wonders	(P Paynter)	644
156=	Back In Bristol	(D Stone)	644
156=	Grafton Willows	(R J Brown)	644
156=	Billy No Mates XI	(M Bremner)	644
156=	Buggie Navvies	(D Banks)	644
156=	I Hate Alan Hansen	(V Cox)	644
162=	Jack's Nightmare	(N J Lane)	643
162=	St Bartholomew's	(J M Bartholomew)	643
162=	Demolition Men	(J Murray)	643
162=	Rawn's Dream Team	(M Rawn)	643
162=	Inverness Undecided	(M A Kennedy)	643
162=	Bunty's Buddies	(P Johnson)	643
168=	JS August Monthly 1	(J Swirles)	642
168=	Nellies Heros	(I Fox)	642
168=	Drabs5	(D Edbrookestaner)	642
171=	Grimmers Army	(S Gray)	641
171=	Goaldiggers	(D Curzon)	641
171=	Bung Ho!	(G Watson)	641
171=	Lloydy's Barge	(D Goodwin)	641
171=	What Ford Splash	(N P Lewis)	641
171=	Del Con 3	(M Peck)	641
177=	The Loggers	(C Wright)	640
178=	Gangsters	(A Lone)	639
178=	Flying Pigs	(M Macmillan)	639
178=	Holstenites	(D Blair)	639

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178=	CUOK	(G Weiss)	639
178=	Supersubs	(I Taylor)	639
178=	Havok	(P Williamson)	639
184=	Papadopoulos Utd	(A Papadopoulos)	638
184=	The Instructors	(K Cunion)	638
184=	Wessack	(M Hugill)	638
184=	Inter Outers	(R Johnson)	638
184=	Foxy	(M Fox)	638
189=	It's About Revenge C	(R Gohil)	637
189=	Tungston Town	(J W George)	637
189=	Daniels Selafum	(V Cox)	637
192=	Real Ale Ripon	(C Blackshaw)	636
192=	Lager Space FC	(D Mayall)	636
194=	C	(B Poole)	635
195=	Das Boot	(D A Sutton)	634
195=	Caroline D	(A Luckhurst)	634
195=	Caroline C	(S A Luckhurst)	634
195=	Raj Is Back To Kill 5	(R Gohil)	634
195=	Dimlymo Moscow	(D Wilson)	634
200=	Patel One	(P Patel)	633
200=	Signus Alpha	(M Griffiths)	633
200=	Buggsy's Boys	(L Emery)	633
200=	Bob Hope And No Hope	(T Blythe)	633
200=	Milly's Mops	(P Johnson)	633
200=	Best Defence	(J Pregon)	633
206=	Robbie's Rogues	(R Pressling)	632
206=	Oscar's All Stars	(A White)	632
206=	Geoff's Geezers II	(G W Jordan)	632
206=	Triple Top Tan	(P Bailey)	632
206=	Dicksees Tigers	(T Rawlings)	632
206=	Val1	(K Howson)	632
212=	Layton's Lions 7	(R Layton)	631
212=	We Have No Bananas	(C Hall)	631
212=	Dave's First XI	(D Quibell)	631
212=	Tofted Five	(E Kisby)	631
212=	Nomates	(C Wilson)	631
212=	Yahboysir	(G Davidson)	631
212=	Dutch Courage	(R van Ruitenbeek)	631
212=	Robzteam2	(R Preston)	631
212=	Fergies Cryers	(B Fazakerley)	631
221=	Kingkladze II	(M Dawe)	630
221=	Oct95-ITF Champ!	(M Sladden)	630
221=	Inter-Mountford	(A Mountford)	630
224=	RKV 3	(C Vanezis)	629
224=	Rubella	(T Wylie)	629
224=	No Help From Dad FC	(A du Gay)	629
224=	Xpel Missiles	(M Jackson)	629
228=	Steve's Aces	(S Brook)	628
228=	Scampi	(D Collier)	628
228=	Skyline Sizzlers	(T Gordon)	628
228=	Sloppy Chappies	(P Johnson)	628
228=	Football Junkies	(Jmelling)	628
233=	Over Paid Losers	(J Line)	627
233=	Darvale Unt 1	(D Sloan)	627
233=	Wolf Tones Utd	(T Prior)	627
233=	Beam Up	(L Strathy)	627
233=	Nadar	(A Meviazski)	627
233=	Sad & Grim Team	(J Swain)	627
233=	Toby's Terrors 7	(P Wheatley)	627
233=	Sooty's Puppets II	(E G Ryan)	627
241=	Celtic Fowlers	(G Thomas)	626
241=	Transgenic Eagles	(R Clutterbuck)	626
241=	Botak United 2	(J Pull)	626
241=	Dodd's Aces	(C Dodd)	626
245=	Beyond Fault	(P Foster)	625
245=	Bubwith Utd 3	(M Larcombe)	625
245=	GR 2	(G Richards)	625
245=	Dynamo Hibs	(S Miller)	625
245=	Zendo FC	(S Kirkwood)	625
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Supporters' vital role in the City

By Alasdair Murray

SUNDERLAND supporters will be breathing slightly more easily today after their win on Saturday left the club with the chance of survival in the FA Carling Premiership. Shareholders are also likely to be celebrating when the markets reopen today, as the shares climb to reflect the club's better business prospects if it stays in the top flight.

A backlash against football shares has set in during the past few months. Critics claim that the shares have been overpriced and oversold. The fact that Sunderland's win can move the market so dramatically implies that football is too volatile to be regarded as a serious investment.

Shares, the argument runs, are best left to football fanatics and risk junkies, but there is reason to believe that the young sector is beginning to mature and behave more like other quoted businesses. Most important, the shareholders' structure is starting to resemble that of more established stock market companies.

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The first buyers of football shares were predominantly supporters and traders keen on making a quick profit. The country's most important long-term investors — the pension funds — stayed clear, worried by the risk factor.

However, a fledgeling team of city analysts covering the sector have noted that the pension funds are beginning to move into football stocks, convinced that football has a future as a long-term business. This trend will enhance the stability of football shares and add credibility to the sector.

Progress also has been made on the thorny issue of placing a value on the club. Some clubs have arrived on the stock market with a value that seems to have been plucked out of thin air. Analysts have tried using everything from turnover size to the ratio of players' wages to revenue to determine how much a club is worth. There is still little agreement on the best method of determining value, but shareholders now have access to a variety of measures and can quickly work out when a club's price looks over the top.

There is also an increasing sense that football stocks divide into two sub-sectors. Premium shares, such as Manchester United and Newcastle United, offer shareholders a guaranteed income stream, plus the potential bonus of a European campaign. Inevitably, they command a higher price. The second tier of shares, which includes Sunderland and other relegation escapologists such as Southampton, needs to take account of the increased risk of falling out of the Premiership. However, as in other stock market sectors, a lower base price can still leave non premium-rated shares with room to grow.

The clubs also must bear some responsibility for the rather shaky debut performance of football shares. Many of these clubs had been run for years as personal fiefdoms by directors who were unused to the fierce glare of publicity that a public quote brings. However, directors are gradually being coached in the fine art of communicating effectively with the City.

Supporters are less worried about making a hefty profit on their investment than that the team's financial future is guaranteed. Some have been worried by the spivvish behaviour of a few directors and elements in the City, fearing that their club was being sacrificed for a quick buck. If football is to survive as a long-term viable business, the supporters cannot be ignored. They are one of the principal sources of revenue.

There is no merit in a struggling club forgoing vital transfers to preserve the shareholders' dividend if the outcome is relegation and smaller attendances next year. Only time will tell if football's new business management is really up to the job of finding a balance between these conflicting demands. It is this question that investors should be asking when they examine whether football clubs are overpriced in the long term.

Blundell crawls away from the wreckage after hitting a wall at the Emerson Fittipaldi Speedway in March of last year

Blundell drives away the demons

Tim Hallissey reports on an IndyCar driver's return to Rio, where he almost died last year

The last time that Mark Blundell was in Rio de Janeiro, he thought he was going to die. He was travelling at 200mph at the time and heading towards a wall of concrete. This week, he returns, the physical scars of the ensuing crash long healed but the insistent tug of emotive connections darkening the naturally effusive personality of a Barnet boy made good.

His career in IndyCar racing had run for one race and ten laps when, in March last year, a brake failure brought home with shuddering intensity the dangers of racing on oval circuits. He emerged with a broken foot, severe bruising on his lungs and chest and a whole new breed of demons in his head. Gradually, and with none of the bravado that is the apparent lifeblood of his profession, he has put them to flight, but one remains. Now, as the series returns once more to the Emerson Fittipaldi Speedway this weekend, it must be confronted.

"I am a bit apprehensive about it," he said. "When I go back to the circuit, and the turn where I nearly lost my life, it is going to be interesting in terms of how I am going to feel. Other people cannot imagine what goes through your mind when you are going at 200mph and there is nothing you can do about it. All you can think about is: 'I am going to die.'"

The record shows that within seven weeks he was back in action, recording his best finish of the season — fifth — in the US 500 at Michigan. The statistics, though, hide the piecing together of a psychological jigsaw that leaves no room for rough-edged arrogance.

"I spent that evening, and the next two or three nights, just crying," he said. "I physically could not control my emotions. For the next six or seven weeks, I was saying: 'Do you really want to do this?' And the answer was 'Yes ... no ... yes ... no.'"

Even when he climbed into the cockpit at Michigan — "to see if the fires were still burning" — the doubts were there. "I went out and did five laps and then I just had to come in and stop," he said. "I said to the guys in the pits: 'You've just got to give me a break. This is tough.' Then I did a few more laps, then a few more, and, at the end of the day, I got out of the car and said: 'That's it.' But I was prepared to get out and never come back."

Aged 31, Blundell could have walked away into a comfort zone encircling his property and garage businesses, and a fledgeling media career that includes regular contributions to Eurosport, the pan-European satellite broadcaster that covers the IndyCar series.

"The people around me have been second to none, and I had to ask if I wanted my wife and kids to have the stress of sitting there every other weekend watching the TV," he said. "Ultimately, though, I have the decision and the responsibility and right now I still want to go out there and do it."

That resolve, which took him to sixteenth in the IndyCar championship last year, and third place in the rookie-of-the-year rankings, withstood another battering earlier this year. A crash during the pre-season build-up at Miami left him nursing more bruises and appeared to signal a troubled start to the new campaign, which has yet to provide meaningful reward.

Even so, Blundell is convinced that his future lies in IndyCars. A former winner of the Le Mans 24-hour race, he twice finished tenth in the Formula One drivers' championship, recording third places in South Africa and Germany with Ligier in 1993. Having lost the McLaren drive last year, however, he declined the dubious opportunity to squabble for scraps at the back of the grid and instead transplanted himself to Paradise Valley, Arizona, and a race series that, appropriately enough bearing in mind its American roots, prides itself on offering opportunities for all.

"In Formula One, the sporting element, the race on Sunday, is no more because there are only two or three teams worth driving for," he said. "I know what it is like in winning machinery and I know what it is like to be at the back of the grid in a pile of rubbish."

His intimate knowledge of what makes a car successful was gathered as a test driver for Williams in the early Nineties, a job that he left after being offered a full-time drive with a Brabham team slipping into decline. His post at Williams was filled by Damon Hill.

Such twists of fortune can make or break a sportsman's career, but Blundell knows that he can no more afford to look back in anger at that decision than he can at the crash in Rio. For now, at least, the race is still very much on.

TENNIS

Seles warns teenagers of pitfalls

By Our Sports Staff

NOBODY could accuse Monica Seles of not knowing what she was talking about in Rome yesterday. Her chosen subject was child prodigies in tennis and the parents who push them too hard and too quickly into the sport. She should know — there have been few children who have been as successful as early in the sport as Seles, the former world No 1.

As the Italian Open got under way, Seles, who won the tournament as a 16-year-old product of the Nick Bollettieri academy in Florida, was asked what she thought about the rise of a new generation of teenagers in the game that she once took by storm. "I've learnt not to expect much from kids," she said. "What I don't like at all is parents putting their children as soon as they are born on a tennis court and forcing them to like tennis. Sixteen-year-old kids just want to have fun and I think they should do."

Seles said that Martina Hingis was clearly the best emerging player at the moment, although most people might say that someone who has already captured the top ranking has already emerged. Hingis, of Switzerland, was to have been the No 1 seed at the Foro Italico this year, but she pulled out last month after injuring herself in a horse riding accident. With Steffi Graf, the world No 2, also absent, Seles is the clear favourite to win the tournament, although she was cautious yesterday.

"I got a very tough draw," she said. "There are very good players, even in the first rounds." A good job that she got a bye into the second round, then, where she will play Barbara Schett, of Austria.

One of those sure to be most interested in Seles's remarks is Anna Kournikova, the 15-year-old Russian, who promises to follow the trail blazed by Hingis as soon as she can. She has already criticised moves by the women's tour to curb the introduction of very young players to the professional game, moves that have restricted the number of tournaments that she can play in 1997, but yesterday she was concentrating on more pressing matters, with a first-round defeat of Shi-Ting Wang, of Taiwan, 6-4, 6-3.

In his first match since announcing that he will retire in the autumn, Michael Stich battled to a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Karol Kucera, of the Czech Republic, at the German Open in Hamburg.

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Pressing social needs relevant

Polonski v Lloyd's Bank Mortgages Ltd

Before Mr Justice Jacob

[Judgment March 25]

The court was not limited to considering purely financial matters when exercising its discretion to order the sale of a mortgaged property. It was entitled to take into account pressing social needs and to look at all the reasons given by an owner for wanting to sell a mortgaged property at a time when the value of the property would be insufficient to pay off the outstanding mortgage and the owner was unlikely to be able to repay the shortfall.

Mr Justice Jacob so held in the Chancery Division when granting the plaintiff, Julia Christina Polonski, an order permitting sale of her property. Her application was opposed by Lloyd's Bank Mortgages Ltd who provided the mortgage for the purchase of the property.

Mr Terence Bergin for the plaintiff; Mr David Phillips for the bank.

MR JUSTICE JACOB said that it was a negative equity case in which the plaintiff was the owner of a property in a run-down area in Mitcham, Surrey. She wished to sell the property at a proper value and not an under value, to a housing association which owned two other houses in the terrace, and to move to Salisbury for strong social reasons.

The area in Mitcham was fairly rough and there were graphic accounts of problem families, drug dealers, violence nearby, spirits bottles and condoms being thrown into her back yard and local youths gathering outside the door.

She believed that in Salisbury the schooling would be better for her two small children, that she stood some chance of getting employment and that circumstances generally would be better.

She had no money and was on income support. Her mortgage payments were met by the state in the form of housing benefit. If she moved, her housing benefit would go towards her rent in Salisbury.

Her affidavit made it plain that at no point had she been financially irresponsible. At the time of the purchase of the property in 1988 she had been in an apparently stable relationship and it was her partner who left her with very small children.

If she sold the property, on current figures, she would be left owing the bank some £12,000 with no reasonable prospect of being able to pay it off. If she stayed in the property the amount owing would probably stay at about the same amount providing housing benefit continued to be paid to cover the mortgage repayments.

The bank, who believed that the value of the property would increase in line with general trends, wanted her to stay there for such time as it took for property prices to reach the difference between the proposed sale price and the £12,000 shortfall.

The plaintiff wanted to go now and intended to do so. If she did the shortfall would increase and continue to increase, whether the house was sold or not and whether by the bank or by her.

The bank's position, which was a fairly standard one, was that they would consent to the sale provided they got the proceeds and credible arrangements were made to repay the shortfall within two years. The plaintiff had not got the funds to meet either condition.

Section 91(2) of the Law of Property Act 1925 gave the court power to order the sale of mortgaged property.

The leading authority was *Palk v Mortgage Services Funding plc* ([1993] Ch 330) in which Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor, with whom the other members of the Court of Appeal agreed, had said that the section gave the court a wide, unfettered discretion which had to be exercised judicially but that "the court should decline to exercise the power if the consequence would be manifest unfairness".

Sir Michael Kerr had said in that case that the court would necessarily have to give "preference to the commercial interests of one [party] over the other", but his Lordship said that that did not mean that only money counted. The court's discretion was not limited to considering purely financial matters. It could take into account social matters and could look at all the reasons given for wanting a sale.

The bank argued that only extreme cases of social need would be enough to outweigh the bank's interests and that the plaintiff's expressed intention of moving to better her social circumstances was a kind of blackmail.

His Lordship said that was an unfair way of describing what she wanted to do, which was to exercise, perfectly legitimately, her undoubted right to live where she wanted. So in a sense it was adventitious that the reason the bank were content with the current position was that the state happened to be paying her mortgage repayments.

She had shown perfectly good reasons why she should want to move and it was not suggested otherwise than that she had, over the years, behaved thoroughly responsibly financially so far as she could. It could not be just in effect to require her to stay where she was.

Solicitors: Davies Brown; Mr Keith Ford, Gloucester.

Stranger cannot seek rescission

In re Mid East Trading Ltd

Before Mr Justice Evans-Lombe

[Judgment April 15]

A stranger to a liquidation has no locus standi to apply to rescind a winding-up order under rule 7.47 of the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925) since it did not alter the pre-1986 law restricting such applicants to a creditor, a contributory, or the company jointly with a creditor or contributor.

Mr Justice Evans-Lombe so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division when dismissing an application by the second respondents, Lehman Brothers Inc, ("LBI") against the joint liquidators, Mr Jonathan Phillips and Mr Paul Evans, the Official Receiver and a Mr Marwan Hakim, to rescind a winding-up order made against Mid East Trading Ltd, a company incorporated in the Lebanon.

His Lordship granted an application by the joint liquidators against four respondents, Lehman Brothers Holdings plc, LBI, Lehman Brothers International (Europe) and Lehman Brothers Ltd, for the production of documents under section 236 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

Mr Michael Crystal, QC and Mr Robin Dicker for the liquidators; Miss Susan Prevezer for the petitioning creditor; Mr Michael Brindle, QC, for the respondents.

MR JUSTICE EVANS-LOMBE said the liquidators' application arose from business transactions between Mid East Trading Ltd and certain of its associated companies and the respondents.

Mid East was owned and controlled by a Mr Daouk who, in the late 1980s through two other Lebanese companies, IPCO and Sigma, carried on the business of investment adviser and manager.

The business involved the introduction of investors to financial institutions through which those investors' funds were to be invested, the resulting commissions being shared between the institutions and Mr Daouk's companies.

Initially, Mr Daouk dealt through LBI's London office until 1992 when the accounts were transferred to Bear Sterns, a similar financial institution in New York.

In 1995 Mr Daouk was arrested in the Lebanon and Mid East was placed in liquidation by a Lebanese court on June 1. In September Mr Hakim, a creditor, presented a petition in the Chancery Division to wind up Mid East as an unregistered company under section 221 of the 1986 Act. On November 8 a winding-up order was made against Mid East by Mr Registrar Buckley. On December 11 the joint liquidators were appointed.

It was convenient to deal first with LBI's application to rescind the winding-up order under rule 7.47(1) of the 1986 Rules which provided: "Every court having jurisdiction under the Act to wind up companies may review, rescind or vary any order made by it in the exercise of that jurisdiction."

LBI's case was that Mid East had at the time the order was made, and subsequently, insufficient connection with the court's jurisdiction to justify the making of an order against a foreign registered company. It submitted that searches revealed that Mid East had no assets within the jurisdiction for a winding up in England to administer, the usual test of sufficient connection.

The liquidators asserted, inter alia, that LBI, being a stranger to the liquidation, had no locus standi to apply to rescind the winding up; and that the winding-up order was rightly made.

Dealing with locus standi his Lordship accepted the liquidators' submission that the only parties able to appear on a winding-up petition would be the petitioning creditor and other creditors, contributories and the company.

In addition, the Official Receiver or any liquidator could properly appear in proceedings under the petition or consequent on the making of the winding-up order: see *In re Bradford Navigation Company* (1870) Law Rep 5 Ch App 600).

Prior to rule 7.47 coming into force, a winding-up order could only be rescinded if application was made before the order was drawn up. *Practice Note (Winding Up Order: Rescission) (No 2)* ([1971] 1 WLR 757) confined those able to rescind a winding-up order to a creditor, a contributory or the company jointly with the creditor or contributory.

There had been no practice direction since the coming into force of rule 7.47 and that rule itself did not define those who might apply under it to rescind a winding-up order. It had been generally assumed that the new rule did not alter the pre-1986 law as to who might apply to rescind a winding-up order: see *Halsbury's Laws of England* (volume 7(3) (1996) paragraph 2248) and *The Supreme Court Practice 1997* (volume 2 p134 paragraph 841).

A power to rescind having now been imported into companies winding up it seemed to be legitimate to look to the rules applicable to applications to stay winding-up proceedings as a guide as to who might apply to rescind a winding-up order.

Section 147 of the Insolvency Act 1986 restricted those who might apply for a stay of winding-up proceedings to the liquidator, the Official Receiver, or any creditor or contributory.

His Lordship having heard LBI's submissions that it might be properly joined to the bankruptcy proceedings in order to apply to rescind the winding-up order under the provisions of Order 15, rule 6(2)(b)(ii) of the Rules of the Supreme Court said that even if Order 15, rule 6 applied that argument was misconceived.

The relevant proceedings to which Order 15, rule 6(2)(b) might have been capable of applying were the proceedings on the petition to wind up. In those proceedings the only relief sought was a winding-up order against the company. Until a winding-up order was made, there could be no question of the exercise of the court's powers under section 236. It followed that no question or issue could possibly arise as between a potential respondent to an application under section 236 and any party to the petition to wind up the company.

For all the above reasons LBI had no locus standi to apply to the court to rescind the making of the winding-up order.

LBI suggested that there was a lacuna in the law because a substantial injustice might occur where the company, its contributories and creditors, in effect, conspired to produce winding-up proceedings in order to make illegitimate use of the powers conferred on the liquidator and in particular to seek an order under section 236 if the party affected by the use of the powers had no locus standi to challenge the winding up.

His Lordship did not accept that argument. By a series of authorities concluding with the decision in *British and Commonwealth Holdings plc v Spicer and Oppenheim* ([1993] AC 426) the Companies Court had guidance for the exercise of the admittedly draconian power under section 236 and in particular for the protection of respondents to such applications from injustice.

In view of the authority of *In re Arthur Average Association for British, Foreign and Colonial Ships* ([1875] 10 Ch App Cas 542) his Lordship decided that it was not necessary for him to go on to consider whether LBI had demonstrated that the winding-up order was wrongly made.

On the section 236 application, in his Lordship's judgment the liquidators had made out a prima facie case. Notwithstanding LBI's evidence that the vast majority of the relevant documents were situated in New York it was not suggested that to order their production would be physically oppressive on the respondents. His Lordship did not consider that LBI's submission that the winding-up order should be made in New York had any weight in the balancing process: see *In re British and Commonwealth Holdings plc v Spicer and Oppenheim* ([1993] AC 426, 438).

LBI also submitted that an order under section 236 requiring it to disclose documents situated in the United States constituted an invasion of the jurisdiction of the courts of that country and should not be embarked upon save in the most exceptional circumstances: see *Mackinnon v Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette Corporation* ([1986] 1 Ch 482).

While that principle must be applicable to section 236 proceedings, his Lordship considered he was entitled to proceed on the basis that by making an order under section 236 the court would not be "demanding obedience to its sovereign authority by foreigners in respect of their conduct outside its jurisdiction": see *Mackinnon* (at p493).

His conclusion in principle therefore was that the liquidators were entitled subject to certain detailed restrictions set out in his judgment to an order under section 236 for the production of documents which they sought.

Solicitors: Lovell White Durrant; Denton Hall; Freshfields.

Dock identification

Barnes v Director of Public Prosecutions

Justices had a discretion to allow the prosecution to identify a defendant in court where there had been no previous identification.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Popplewell) so held on April 24, when dismissing an appeal by John William Barnes by way of case stated from his conviction by Durham City Justices on October 22, 1996, of failing to supply a specimen of urine for analysis, contrary to section 7(6) of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN said that at trial the only evidence that the defendant was the man who had failed to provide a specimen was in the form of a dock identification by a police officer.

It had been submitted for the defendant that it was not open to the prosecution to rely on a dock identification if there had not been an identity parade.

His Lordship referred to a passage on crown court dock identification in *Archbold, Criminal Pleading, Evidence and Practice* ([1997] 14-86) which stated: "It is now difficult to conceive of circumstances in which a trial judge would permit ... a dock identification..." Nevertheless, in the magistrates' court it had long been customary for a witness to identify a defendant in court. If there had to be an identity parade in every case of disputed identity, the whole process of justice in a magistrates' court would be severely impaired. It was not unfair on the facts to identify the defendant in that way.

Knifing tariff

Regina v Pitt

Courts took the view, quite properly, that offences committed with knives had to be dealt with severely and the tariff suggested in *R v Latham* (*The Times* November 15, 1996) of 10 to 12 years imprisonment on a contested case undoubtedly reflected the attitude of society and the courts.

That case concerned carrying a knife as a weapon in a public place. However, in a different situation, where death was caused by a man who was at home at night looking after his wife and children and armed himself prior to going out of his house to confront his victims drunk and shouting outside the house, the right sentence on conviction of manslaughter on the ground of provocation was one of seven years.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice McCowan, Mr Justice Ognall and Mr Justice Sedley) so held on April 29 when allowing an appeal by Anthony John Pitt and substituting a sentence of seven years for the sentence of eight years imposed on December 12, 1996 at Bristol Crown Court (Mr Justice Creswell) on conviction of manslaughter.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN said that it had been submitted that the sentencing judge had been over-influenced by the judgment in *Latham*.

Approaching the case, influenced by *Latham* but without regarding themselves bound by the tariff referred to there, in all the circumstances their Lordships considered the right sentence to be one of seven years.

Friend in chambers

In re H (a Minor) (Chambers proceedings: McKenzie friend)

Even if a hearing was in chambers, because it concerned a child, a litigant appearing in person was not to be deprived of the presence and proper assistance of a friend.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Ward) so stated on April 17, when refusing applications by a father for leave to appeal against Mr Recorder Parry and Judge Paul Clark, who had made orders in the Oxford County Court for contact relating to his child.

LORD JUSTICE WARD said that on the hearing before the recorder the father, who was appearing in person, had asked for a friend to attend to listen, take notes and assist him with advice as a friend: see *McKenzie v McKenzie* ([1971] P 33).

The recorder had concluded that as the matter was in chambers it was inappropriate to have anyone else present and ordered the friend to leave. He ought not to have done. Even if the hearing was in chambers as a matter affecting a child so long as the friend did no more than sit quietly and offer help as a McKenzie friend he should have been allowed to remain.

His Lordship noted with approval that when the matter came again before the court Judge Clark had correctly and promptly permitted the presence of the friend to assist the father.

Passport proof

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Obi

The production of a genuine passport which described as a British citizen a person who, in whatever name, was undoubtedly the person seeking to enter the UK, discharged the burden of proof of British citizenship established by section 3(8) of the Immigration Act 1971 by a means specified as sufficient in section 3(9).

Mr Justice Sedley so held in the Queen's Bench Division on April 18 allowing an application for judicial review by Chukwudi Iroegbu Ezenna Ujunwa Obi of the decision of the passport agency in Liverpool to serve him with a notice dated October 17, 1995 designating him an illegal entrant.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the passport agency disputed whether the applicant was indeed Mr Obi as named in his passport. The secretary of state argued that once identity was queried, it was up to the entrant to prove a further fact, namely that he was the person named in the passport.

His Lordship held that in the circumstances no such further burden rested upon the entrant. Once the passport agency had duly issued a passport on the material presented to it, that passport furnished unqualified, although not irrebuttable evidence for the purposes of entry into the UK under section 3(8) and (9) of the 1971 Act.

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An alternative to libel

Gary Slapper on the ancient legal course taken by a pop singer

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Kirk Brandon, left, unsuccessfully sued the singer Boy George, right, for malicious falsehood last week

When Kirk Brandon, a pop musician, sued the singer Boy George for malicious falsehood and fought the case in the High Court last week — in the event, unsuccessfully — many people were left wondering how, if at all, this arcane legal action is different from that of defamation.

The action has been used in several prominent cases, including last year's battle between Rupert Allason and Alastair Campbell, Tony Blair's press secretary.

In that case the former MP sued Mr Campbell, who was political editor of the *Daily Mirror* at the relevant time in 1992, another journalist and Mirror Group Newspapers. Representing himself, Mr Allason claimed that Mr Campbell had conducted a campaign of spite against him. The alleged malicious falsehood came from Mirror journalists who, it was claimed, had fabricated a story that 50 MPs had challenged Mr Allason to hand over to Maxwell pensioners an estimated £250,000 he had won in libel damages from the newspaper.

The ancient action is in essence a claim that an untrue statement was made by the defendant with malice, and that, as a result the plaintiff suffered financial loss. In 1639, the case of *Dickes v Fenne*, concerned what was described as "naughty beer". The plaintiff, a brewer, sued Mr Fenne who had said, in front of other customers, that if he gave his mare a peck of malt "she should piss as good beer as Dickes doth brew". The action failed because the brewer did not prove any loss following from the insult.

Since legislation in 1952, it is not necessary to prove actual damage in instances in which the falsehood is published or put on a record and the words are likely to cause financial loss. But not all published falsehoods are seen by the courts in this way. In that case, loss has to be proved.

Mr Allason lost his claim on this point. The trial judge ended Mr Allason's run of 22 court victories when he ruled that though he accepted that the *Mirror* story was false and had been published by MGN with malice, there was no evidence of financial damage resulting from the publication, and that the mistruth had later been corrected with an apology.

The subject matter of these actions is quite varied. One early case flowed from a false claim that the plaintiff was married, which resulted in her losing a real proposal. In other cases the falsehoods have included statements that a business person has ceased to trade, or that his products are defective. Stéphane Grappelli, the jazz violinist, once took an action for malicious falsehood against his former agents after they had cancelled a series of concerts which they had set up without his knowledge. To get themselves out of the unauthorised arrangements, the agents falsely said that Mr Grappelli was seriously ill and it would be surprising if he ever toured again. This was seen as likely to cause him economic loss, and the case was settled out of court.

In January 1990, the actor Gorden Kaye was badly injured in a storm when a piece of wood smashed through his car window. While he was critically ill in hospital without the faculties to make any reasoned decision, and with a notice on his door forbidding unauthorised entry, a photographer and a journalist from the *Sunday Sport* gained entry to his room.

The Court of Appeal held that the resultant newspaper story (which was obtained in draft form), billed as an "exclusive", was a malicious falsehood. It implied that Mr Kaye had sold his story to a paper with a lurid interest in pornography. The court said that if the paper were to publish as it originally proposed then, when he recovered, Mr Kaye's right to sell his story to a paper of his choice and at a proper market value would become worth much less to him.

> Damages awarded are usually lower

Legal aid is not available for libel actions but it is for malicious falsehood, and the unusual action has enjoyed a little revival since a case in 1993 in which the Court of Appeal ruled that a woman should not be prevented from bringing such an action just because it would more appropriately have been brought as a libel action.

The newspaper *Today* had published an article by its chief crime correspondent suggesting that Linda Joyce, one of Princess Anne's maids, had stolen her royal employer's private letters and handed them to a national newspaper.

The article implied that she had been dismissed as a consequence of this breach of trust. Miss Joyce could not afford to bring an action without legal aid, but because this is not given to libel plaintiffs, she opted to sue for malicious falsehood. The Court of Appeal refused to strike out her choice of suit as an abuse of process. Sir Donald Nicholls, the then Vice-Chancellor, said: "English law has marked out courses of action on which plaintiffs may rely. Many courses of action overlap . . . where more than one course of action is available to him, a plaintiff may choose which one he will pursue."

There are some cases that are genuinely better brought as malicious falsehoods than as any other type of action. These include situations where a person is injured by a statement but where his reputation does not suffer; for example, a claim that the seller of land is not the real legal owner. But many of today's instances are of what a judge once described as a case of defamation "being forced into the ill-fitting garb of an action for malicious falsehood".

Often this makes things unnecessarily difficult for a plaintiff. Unlike defamation cases, these trials are not generally heard with juries, and the damages awarded are usually lower than those in defamation actions.

Damages will generally be quickly swallowed up by the Legal Aid Board's charge over them as property recovered in the proceedings.

In actions for malicious falsehood, the plaintiff has to take on the burden of proving that the words were false and that in publishing them the defendant was actuated by malice, tasks not required of defamation plaintiffs.

Malicious falsehood is used instead of libel action not only by those who rely on legal aid. It is also resorted to by some plaintiffs who cannot get legal aid but, fearing that costs may go against them, want a relatively low-cost non-jury trial. What all this highlights is that the framework and funding of the law protecting reputation is not entirely satisfactory.

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Popcorn with court cases: delicious

Lawyers who have had a hard day in court like to relax by reading a book, watching a television programme, or going to see a film, so long as it involves other lawyers having a hard day in court. There is no shortage of current material: John Grisham's excellent new novel *The Partner* (Century, £16.99); the compelling second series of Steve Bochco's legal drama *Murder One* (BBC2 on Tuesday evenings, though sadly the character of Ted Hoffman has not survived from the first series); and Edward Norton's fine performance as lawyer Alan Isaacman in Milos Forman's *The People v Larry Flynt* (Certificate 18).

Isaacman represented Flynt, publisher of the pornographic magazine *Hustler*, in many cases, including his 1977 Cincinnati trial for obscenity (when he was convicted and imprisoned, a decision later overturned on appeal), his imprisonment for contempt in California and his Supreme Court victory in 1988 against the preacher the Rev Jerry Falwell.

Hustler had published a parody of an alcohol advertisement in which Mr Falwell was presented as talking about his "first time", suggesting that it involved a drunken, incestuous rendezvous with his own mother in an outhouse. A jury awarded Mr Falwell $200,000 for intentional infliction of emotional distress, even though it dismissed a libel claim because no reasonable person could believe that the parody was describing actual events.

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For a unanimous Supreme Court, Chief Justice Rehnquist explained that parody plays "an important role in public and political debate". The court concluded that the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, which protects freedom of expression, prohibited the award of damages by reference to the subjective standard of whether a publication is "outrageous", where the article contained nothing which would be understood as a statement of fact. As Flynt himself observed, the importance of all this is that "if the First Amendment will protect a scumbag like me, then it will protect all of you. Because I'm the worst".

Lawyers who may occasionally act for difficult clients will enjoy the performance of Edward Norton, as Isaacman, battling to control and represent an impossible client (played by Woody Harrelson), who ignores all sensible advice, attends court wearing a diaper in the colours of the American flag, gives outrageous answers in evidence to aggravate his opponent and throws fruit at the judge.

In his foreword to *Reel Justice: The Courtroom Goes to the Movies*, by Paul Bergman and Michael Asimow (Andrews and McMeel, Kansas City, $14.95), Judge Alex Kozinski of the United States Court of Appeals notes that trials are a frequent subject for the cinema because of the conflict and drama which they display on subjects of perennial fascination such as sex and violence. Popcorn has always mixed well with a little cross-examination.

Bergman and Asimow are law professors at the University of California at Los Angeles. In *Reel Justice*, they grade, and provide entertaining and informative comment on, a large number of trial movies, and films that include trial scenes, from *Adam's Rib* (1949, with Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn as husband and wife who are opposing lawyers) to *Philadelphia* (1993, with Tom Hanks as a lawyer stricken with Aids).

Bergman and Asimow recognise the undoubted classics of legal cinema: Henry Fonda in Sidney Lumet's *Twelve Angry Men* (1957), Charles Laughton in Billy Wilder's *Witness for the Prosecution* (1957), James Stewart in Otto Preminger's *Anatomy of a Murder* (1959), Spencer Tracy in Stanley Kramer's *Inherit the Wind* (1960) and *Judgment at Nuremberg* (1961), and Gregory Peck in Alan Pakula's *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1963).

Their judgment is occasionally perverse. Is *My Cousin Vinny* (1992), truly one of the best legal films ever, to be placed in the same category as those mentioned above? Is Jim Sheridan's *In the Name of the Father* (1993), with all of its crass legal errors in presenting the case of the Guildford Four, to be put in the same category as John Ford's *Young Mr Lincoln* (1939) or Alfred Hitchcock's *The Wrong Man* (1957)?

The attempt by Bergman and Asimow to identify the legal significance of each film is sometimes strained, as in their "legal analysis" of Woody Allen's *Bananas* (1971). *Reel Justice* is not comprehensive: *The Firm* (1993) and *First Monday in October* (1981) deserve a mention. And the authors miss one of the most entertaining trials in cinema history, at the beginning of *The Pure Hell of St Trinian's* (1960), when all of the pupils at the girls' school are on trial at the Old Bailey for arson.

But, despite its defects, lawyers will find *Reel Justice* a useful guide to films they have seen, those they ought to see and some they should avoid. If *The People v Larry Flynt* is not quite in the highest class, it deserves an honourable mention in the next edition.

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

Lord Irvine takes office

LORD "Derry" Irvine of Lairg, QC, friend and mentor to Tony Blair, will be sworn in tomorrow as Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain — to give him his full title — at the law courts in The Strand.

In a ceremony that underlines his role as head of the judiciary, as well as government Minister, he will be flanked by the Lord Chief Justice and other heads of division, and then the Clerk of the Crown (Sir Tom Legg, permanent secretary to the Lord Chancellor's Department) will administer the oaths. The Assistant Serjeant-at-Arms and the Purse Bearer are also present. Lord Irvine, 57, will play a key role in constitutional reform. He has also promised a review of legal aid and civil justice.

Holding the fort

PITY the poor lawyers at Allen & Overy's Brussels office last Thursday. While support staff took advantage of an official Belgian holiday to enjoy the sun, the lawyers had to work a full day. They were not alone.

Other fully operational offices included those of Ashurst Morris Crisp and Bird & Bird. Denton Hall and Gouldens get the prize for being the most generous and efficient, with answer machines proclaiming the holiday. But at Clifford Chance and Slaughter & May the lawyers must have been in such a hurry to get away that they forgot to turn on the answer machine, leaving the phones to ring and ring.

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Time for that Bill of Rights

TWO of the top law and order issues under the new Labour Government — a Bill of Rights and sentencing policy — are also on the agenda of the tenth anniversary conference in London, from July 27 to August 1, of the Society for the Reform of Criminal Law.

The conference, which will attract lawyers from throughout the world, is being organised by Michael Hill, QC, a leading criminal silk. Full details next week.

Michael Hill, QC: organiser

Power struggle

WITH a Bill of Rights on the political agenda, Sweet & Maxwell's special issue of *European Human Rights Law Review* is timely. It has contributions from leading human rights lawyers, including Lord Lester of Herne Hill, QC; Connor Gearty, professor at King's College London, and John Wadham, the director of Liberty.

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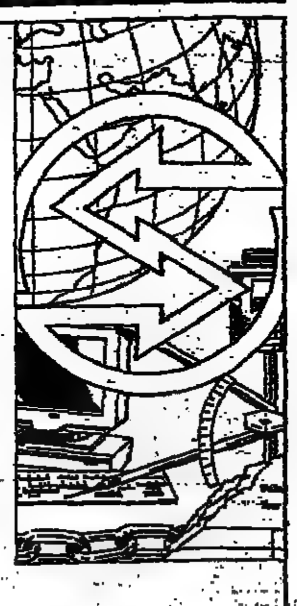

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In law, as in business, the days of insular attitudes are over, says **Edward Fennell**

Successful City firms embrace global era

Last Thursday's events were marked in the legal world by a pair of coincidences which underscored the sense we were truly leaving one era and entering another.

As voters went to the polling stations, the partners of Clifford Chance, led by Geoffrey Howe and Keith Clark, were celebrating the tenth anniversary of that landmark event, the merger of Coward Chance and Clifford-Turner.

Meanwhile, just 50 yards down the road the partners of the newly merged Cameron McKenna were enjoying their first day as an integrated unit. The merger had created a new Top Ten firm whose ambitions are clearly set on bursting into the "magic circle" led by Clifford Chance, the benchmark against which all others must be measured.

No firm embodies better what has happened to the practice of business law under the Thatcher and Major administrations than Clifford Chance. Its dramatic progress towards becoming one of the contenders for the world title stems from the way it read the trends in the Conservative boom days of the late 1980s. Its senior partners saw the globalisation of business and recognised that lawyers had to match that trend. And when, in the midst of the recession in the early 1990s, other firms cut back on overseas investment, it continued to expand — and now it is reaping the benefits by being streets ahead of anyone else.

The Thatcher/Major business revolution made lawyers become business people in their own right. But the big City lawyers, perhaps more than anyone else, benefited directly and immeasurably from the Tories' love affair with privatisation. They were the technicians who made privatisation work and are now starting to do the same with the private finance initiative. Not only did this bring in massive amounts of work at the time but it also gave them the credentials to do the same elsewhere, as the British experience was imitated worldwide.

> 'We cannot focus on the domestic market alone'

And it is the international scope of their work which will enable Clifford Chance and its new rivals to glide smoothly into the new era. While the political scene has been riven by the debate over Europe, the top law firms have seen that the days of insular attitudes are gone for good. Clifford Chance now has 38 per cent of its people overseas and about half of its work is international. It sees itself irreversibly as a global firm.

This is echoed by rivals such as Freshfields. As Ian Terry, the firm's managing partner commented last week: "The most profound change in the last 20 years has been the dynamic growth in the international market for legal services. If your aspiration, like ours, is to be one of the best, you have to commit to years of investment and to becoming truly multicultural."

Much the same is said by Eversheds, which is now the UK's leading "national" firm but also sees that the future for the best firms must lie far beyond the UK. Looking back on the last 18 years, Eversheds chairman Keith James said last week: "The general trend towards globalisation in every area of business — including the law — means that we cannot focus on the domestic market alone. We believe our clients need to have their interests represented throughout Europe and we are implementing strategies to deal with this."

That is why, for City lawyers, as much as for anyone else, the flavour of the new epoch is likely to depend on the outcome of the economic and monetary union project and its impact on London as a financial centre. By becoming a global firm, Clifford Chance will be able to withstand the turbulence ahead better than most. For Cameron McKenna, however, the challenge remains. If its merger is to be considered a success ten years hence, somehow it must raise its game and be a contender along the lines of Clifford Chance, Freshfields, Linklaters & Paines and Allen & Overy.

So who will blossom under Blair? The answer is: those firms for which the matter of who occupies No 10 is no longer so important.

Keith Clark, left, and Geoffrey Howe: leading Clifford Chance into its second decade

Justices may face erosion of powers

Many magistrates are apprehensive about likely changes to their role, writes **Paula Davies**

With a new Government elected, magistrates will be bracing themselves for more change. Change is likely in the law and in their role. Since 1989 legislation has poured out in Act after Act, requiring justices to follow a steep learning curve, which is particularly onerous on those who give their time and effort for no monetary reward. Yet they have embraced extra training with enthusiasm: it is only recently that an air of demoralisation has appeared. Rightly or wrongly, many of them feel they are being sidelined.

They are accused of being too slow, yet in my experience it is not so much the fault of the justices as in the paper-driven system forced on us by the so-called paperless society of the computer. It ought to work more efficiently but it does not, and cases are said to take an average of 132 days to get through compared with 98 days ten years ago. Then there is the attitude of some court users. Recently our bench discovered that witnesses had been "de-warned" on the assumption that we would grant an adjournment.

"It is," the representative of the Crown Prosecution Service said, "only the first trial date."

We insisted that the case go ahead, principally because of the age of the defendants — 13 and 14 respectively — and because the next trial date could not be fixed for another three months. After all, it is for the justices alone to decide on an adjournment.

This situation may not last much longer. Recently, the Justices' Clerks Society has made suggestions about taking on what it claims are only administrative jobs designed to speed up justice. Yet if clerks can decide on such matters as adjournments, bail matters, fixing trial dates and discontinuing cases, they will be taking on roles previously held by the justices.

This problem of judicial and administrative boundaries is now being examined by a working party in the Lord Chancellor's Department. Nonetheless, lay magistrates are starting to believe that this is the thin end of the wedge and that their powers are likely to be eroded.

Should Jack Straw have his way in relation to youth courts, we are likely to see the stipendiaries hear cases and the justices who are left decide on the sentence. Given that those who hear a case should ideally be those who judge it, this seems a retrograde step as much for the accused as for the youth court justices. "If anything," one stipendiary said, "it should be the other way round."

Indeed, in the higher courts it is the jury that decides guilt or innocence on the facts and the judge who advises on the law and passes sentence if required. Only stipendiaries, when they are sitting alone, can be the equivalent of both judge and jury. Mr Straw, however, seems more interested in giving the professionals an inquisitorial role like that of an examining magistrate.

If that should become law then youth justices can kiss their role goodbye. It would be better surely to have a mixed bench — already operating in some youth and family courts — where justices sit either side of the stipendiary. This idea was put forward by a Royal Commission as long ago as 1948, when the members recommended a mixed bench which would combine the expertise of the professional with the public appeal of the lay justice.

This appeal seems to me to lie in the fact that lay justices usually sit in a local area which they know well and in courts where the local police station and probation offices are near by. Yet though this may still be true in the country, the proposed closure of courts in inner London could mean the demise of truly local justice.

Last month a strategic plan for the inner London courts was published. Designed to bring the inner London area into line with the rest of the country, it will lead — subject to statutory consultation — to the dissolution of the West Central Division and the closure of more courts. So what, you might say. Crime takes place all over London and people can travel to the larger courts expected to take over the work. So far as justices are concerned this is true, but what about the court users, such as the accused and their families? Already some of them cannot afford the fares. A local solicitor in Islington warns that adjournments are likely to increase in the youth courts because parents cannot get to court "until the Giro comes".

The strategic plan is about saving money. The government grant is expected to reduce year on year and there are falling levels of work in the adult courts. Yet if the 17-year-olds go back to the adult courts, as seems likely, the work will undoubtedly increase.

The cost of magistrates' courts in London is said to be twice that of those outside the capital but that should hardly be surprising. It is reckoned that the cost per case in inner London in 1995 was £41.17 as against £24.10 in the rest of the country.

Yet it has been obvious for years — and London weighting shows it — that any capital city is going to be more expensive in every way. Four courts were closed in 1996 and cases moved to the new West London court. Three more are due to close by the year 2000. But no one knows what will happen to the crime rate in the next three years.

● *The author is an inner London magistrate.*

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☐ An environmental lending initiative has been introduced by NatWest under which medium-sized companies can obtain finance for projects that will lessen any harmful impact on the environment. The scheme, being run by NatWest's corporate banking services, offers a 50 per cent reduction in published arrangement fees.

☐ Home Business Alliance has set up what is claimed to be the first credit union for business people. The alliance has started a savings group, the necessary forerunner of a credit union, has accepted the first deposits and is now awaiting approval. *Send four first-class stamps to Home Business Alliance, The Firs, High Street, March, Cambs., PE15 9LQ.*

☐ The first trade missions in the EU four-year Gateway to Japan export promotion campaign for small and medium-sized businesses will be medical equipment, from September 29 to October 3, marine equipment, October 13 to 17, food and drink, October 27 to 31, construction materials, November 10 to 14, and waste management December 8 to 12. Details: 0121-454 6171.

A success built on scrap

Della Mason on a worldwide business that grew out of leftovers from a home restoration

Tessa Pearce did not expect to become a company trading around the world when nine years ago she launched her small firm to sell reclaimed parts of old buildings.

Now the customers for solid oak and pine timbers, tiles, bricks, doors and period bathrooms are often from Japan, America and Europe. This side of the business has increased annual turnover by 20 per cent, to well over £300,000.

As the number of British buyers has levelled out owing to the vagaries of the housing market, her market has spread throughout the world and Dorset Reclamation has had to change fast to cope.

Mrs Pearce started in her courtyard at Bere Regis almost by chance. She and her husband David, moved there from London and having completed their own house restoration, found masses of materials left over so they advertised.

So many customers beat a path to their door that Mrs Pearce decided she had found an interesting market niche. There are sinks, cisterns, baths, fireplaces, lights, chimney pots, doorknobs and taps. Local electricians, plumbers and Mrs Pearce's own work team recondition and repair items that may have been in use for a century. Washing and cleaning of reclaimed paving slabs and quarry tiles goes on most days, while container lorries are filled with anything from old English house bricks to flooring for shipment abroad.

Her entry into exporting was dramatic. One Bank Holiday a Japanese caller rang seeking traditional bricks for a large housing project. "We have been supplying him ever since," she says.

So many customers were coming from abroad that Mrs Pearce realised that if she could find the right freight lines at the right price she would be able to expand. "It meant a lot of research to find the best methods of transport for our varying materials, but we now have this aspect well organised."

With a new manager in training, Alex Tizzard; an outside yard manager, Stephen Haycock; and a team of three other men, Mrs Pearce feels the business can grow steadily into the 21st century.

Yet, five years ago the firm almost did not survive. At that stage, her husband branched into reconditioning of Aga cookers, for which he now finds a steady market, including a recent installation in Brussels.

Dorset Reclamation can be contacted on 01929-472200.

LEIGH GREEN

Tessa Pearce's company, Dorset Reclamation, sells reclaimed parts of old buildings around the world

Telecom operators set to target small firms

BY BRIAN COLLETT

THE NEW breed of telecoms operator will soon be pitching hard against BT and other companies for slices of the small business market.

A report, issued ahead of June's Business Solutions show, makes the prediction and suggests the alternative operators will gain orders more easily than expected because many small companies are unhappy with their telecoms suppliers and manufacturers.

EPS Events, the west London company that drew up the report and is organising the show, says the information technology sector has been slow to target the lucrative small business market, and adds that a similar lack of interest from the established telecoms industry has left the way clear for new operators, including offshoots of foreign companies.

This criticism is rejected by the two main telephone providers. BT says that it offers a wide range of services to businesses of all sizes; Mercury that it has a wide range of tailor-made packages for small companies that become customers.

However, the EPS report contends that the climate could not be better for newer telecoms companies to compete. On average, small and medium-sized businesses are spending £27,000 each on telecoms every year and more than one third expect to invest in new services and equipment in the next 12 months.

Another survey, by MORI, the political pollster, and Telia, part of the Swedish national telecoms company, claims that half the small businesses contacted were dissatisfied with BT and Mercury. The aggrieved customers complained they had to ask for services as the established telecoms companies gave less attention to them than to large corporates.

Jill Naeem, marketing communications manager of Telia, which is sponsoring the Business Solutions show, said: "Our research indicates that smaller companies are demanding a better deal." The show, featuring a wide range of business services available to small enterprises, is at Olympia, west London, from June 17 to 19. *Details: 0701 0709 901.*

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
4,415.60	Allied Domecq	425	-8½	6.9	12.8
385.90	Bulmer (HP)	541½	-3½	3.1	16.1
35.60	Burn Stewart†	60	..	7.1	14.9
124.40	Glenmorangie A	915	-40	1.7	24.9
10,814.30	Grand Met	513½	+5½	3.9	16.6
9,581.60	Guinness†	507½	-6	4.0	14.5
431.90	Highland Dist	324	-9½	3.3	15.1
244.70	Matthew Clark	278½	-11	10.8	13.2
9.86	Maydew	90½	..	6.4	12.2
5,346.60	SA Breweries	1816½	-3½	7.9	..

BANKS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
13,062.00	ABN-AMRO	4305½	+96½	2.7	17.9
11,790.70	Abbey Natl	838	+21½	3.9	14.8
3,340.70	Alliance & Leic	574	+20	3.5	14.1
3,045.00	Allied Irish	452½	+14½	3.9	..
5,924.00	Aus New Z	398	+12½	4.8	..
28,107.80	Bank America	7137½	+559¾	..	..
4,500.70	Bank Scotland	376	+23½	2.8	11.5
17,398.20	Barclays	1145	+56½	3.4	11.6
3,183.70	Bk of Ireland	862	-15½	3.1	15.0
33,645.90	Citicorp	6953½	+538½	..	..
6,793.90	Commerzbk	1681½	+12½	2.6	..
21,806.40	Dai Ichi Kan Y	687½	+37½	0.6	..
16,452.00	Deutsche Bk	3290¼	+81¼	2.0	..
218.70	Espirito Santo	1021½	-9¾	3.3	14.3
20,873.40	Fuji Bank Y	720½	+53½	0.6	..
14,663.30	HSBC	1683	+120	3.0	14.6
28,951.50	HSBC Hk	1616½	+112½	3.2	14.0
498.80	Irish Perm†	560	+6½	2.8	..
29,829.40	Lloyds TSB	556	-1	3.0	18.0
12,836.40	Nat Aust Bk	858	+41½	4.9	11.3
12,454.80	Nat West	727½	+17½	5.0	10.9
4,772.40	Ryl Bk Scot	592	+23½	4.0	12.9
9,164.30	Stand Chart†	926½	+15½	2.0	16.6
16,061.10	Wells Fargo	£164½	..	2.0	..
6,493.40	Westpac	347½	+8½	4.0	10.9

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
7,238.60	Bass	817	+22	3.8	16.1
17.60	Bh Ibs Ise 8th▲	93½	+1½	4.1	14.7
36.30	Burtonwood Brw	174½	-½	4.0	15.7
260.10	City Centre Rest	134	..	..	..
2,159.90	Compass Gp	673½	-7½	1.6	26.7
59.50	Eldridge P 'A'	280½	..	2.4	17.2
64.20	Fuller Sm 'A'	465	-18	2.5	15.5
1,480.50	Greenalls Gp	501	-9	3.8	15.8
406.90	Greene King	673½	-24	3.0	16.6
39.20	Grosvenor Inns	205½	..	3.7	19.9
46.20	Groupe Chez Gerr	247	-3	1.9	24.2
56.90	Hardy Hanson	384½	..	4.7	12.9
82.30	Holt J	2837½	+25	2.8	..
51.30	Inn Business	67	..	..	..
237.80	Mansfield	380	-3½	3.3	18.1
295.20	Marston Thmp	262	-1½	3.3	10.5
173.60	Morland	537½	-22½	2.8	14.2
58.50	Old Eng Pub	247½	-8½	0.7	77.7
4.34	Paramount	39½	-7	..	..
437.20	PizzaExpress	684½	-24½	0.5	43.4
36.30	Ramsdens (H)	300	+22½	1.6	36.8
284.90	Regent Inns	320½	..	1.0	30.6
4,164.80	Scot & New	675	+3	3.7	30.4
380.70	Vaux Group	268½	-5½	4.9	12.8
453.20	Wetherspoon JD†	1165	..	1.0	26.0
3,750.30	Whitbread	768½	+2½	3.6	15.6
443.80	Wolvrhmptn D	658½	-9	3.2	14.5
201.60	Yates Bros	493½	+½	1.0	31.3
18.50	Young 'A'	637½	..	3.0	29.4

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6.35	AAF Inds	27½	-1	3.5	20.6
77.50	Abbey	200	..	2.8	19.3
124.90	Allen	315½	..	..	..
253.00	Amec†	143½	+4½	3.5	..
139.90	Amey†	484	-2	2.3	21.6
85.40	Andrews Sykes	88	..	2.2	..
390.90	Ashtead	376	..	1.4	24.8
20.20	Avonside†	48½	..	2.7	12.3
4.04	Bailey (Ben) Con	28½	..	4.3	7.8
46.60	Bandl	34½	-½	4.0	21.6
20.10	Barcom	57½	..	2.6	33.0
591.30	Barratt Devs	285	+8½	4.2	14.2
487.50	Beazer	173½	..	4.4	13.4
394.40	Bellway	335½	..	3.0	17.1
8.79	Bellwinch	19½	..	..	13.9
686.00	Berkeley Gp	684½	-1	1.5	17.4
27.40	Bett Bros	349½	..	4.7	4.5
74.20	Boot (Henry)†	273	+8	3.6	11.1
21.10	Brandon Hire†	92½	..	3.6	12.3
6.90	Britannia Grp†	28½	..	2.2	..
6.44	Br Bldg & Eng	57½	-2	..	..
351.80	Bryant	125	+½	5.1	17.3
48.10	CALA	111½	..	3.9	14.8
4.96	Campbell & Arm	4½	-1	..	..
8.43	Clarke Tj	68½	-3	8.8	12.1
95.30	Costain#	48	..	..	..
69.90	Countryside	91½	+8½	3.1	27.0
98.20	Crest Nicholson	98	+5	3.2	30.9
15.20	Cussins†	85½	..	6.0	..
17.30	Eve Group	175	..	1.1	..
19.10	Galliford	21½	..	5.8	23.5
94.60	Gleeson (MJ)	930	..	2.2	16.7
4.93	Goans (Ernest)†	57½	..	8.5	18.2
85.20	Havelock Euro	203	+6	1.6	21.2
430.10	Hewden-Stuart	183	+1½	3.0	20.3
4.62	Howard Hldgs	17½	..	5.7	18.7
229.50	Jarvis	289½	-4½	0.8	..
133.20	Kellert	241½	+10	2.4	17.3
68.20	Kier	215½	..	3.8	12.9
170.20	Laing (J)†	370	+½	3.2	33.4
51.00	Laing 8.4% Cv Pf	127	..	6.3	..
5.47	Lovell (YJ)	13½	..	..	..
45.30	Mowlem (J)	105½	..	3.7	14.4
122.10	McAlpine (A)†	167	+3½	5.2	..
131.40	McCarthy & S	132½	..	2.3	19.7
16.30	McInerney	8½	..	..	..
63.80	Morgan Sindall	191½	-2	2.7	14.8
186.20	Morrison Cons	277½	+2	2.1	21.5
242.30	Mowlem (J)†	137½	+7½	2.7	15.1
435.90	Persimmon	246	+3	4.8	16.2
22.90	Pochins	110	-1	2.8	11.5
107.80	Prowting	136	..	5.4	45.8
34.80	Rane Ind	18½	..	..	14.5
377.20	Redrow†	178	+10	2.6	17.3
31.20	Sheriff Hldgs	378	..	3.3	15.8
4.35	Shorco	88	+14½	7.8	..
47.80	Spandex	327½	..	1.2	10.7
37.50	Swan Hill†	84½	-1	3.7	..
39.40	Tay Homes†	135	+1½	8.8	20.3
780.30	Taylor Woodrw†	187½	+6	2.4	17.6
258.00	Tilbury Dougls†	797½	+42½	2.9	19.8
16.60	Try Group	24	-1½	..	14.3
32.10	Vibroplant	69½	+2	7.3	..
68.60	Wainhomes	141½	+2	4.0	..
39.20	Ward Hldgs	59½	..	..	..
223.20	Westbury	247½	-½	3.1	21.5
51.70	Wiggins	9½	-½	..	39.1
317.40	Wilson (C)†	180	..	3.8	17.7
500.20	Wilson Bowdn†	534½	-6	2.6	18.3
523.50	Wimpey G	143½	-6	4.6	45.3

BUILDING MATERIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,672.00	BPB	327	-2	3.8	15.8
39.00	Baggeridge Brk	95	+4	4.1	22.3
264.60	Bardon†	46½	-2½	5.4	19.7
9.59	Blockleys	38½	..	..	..
3,137.60	Blue Circle†	424	+7½	3.9	18.1
23.10	Breedon PLC†	81½	-8	7.4	12.6
23.50	Br Dredging†	134½	+1	5.9	11.0
2,361.20	CRH	629	+15½	1.7	..
3.15	Cakebread Rbyt	82½	-7	7.1	5.6
93.70	Capel†	172½	..	4.3	..
1,482.90	Caradon†	248½	-4½	4.8	12.1
226.80	Caradon el	128	-1½	7.4	..
5.29	Chiltaldo Gp	61½	..	6.1	8.5
3.88	Dyson (J&J)	235	-½	2.7	13.8
17.70	Dyson 'A'	129	..	4.8	7.5
8.82	Emstone	3½	..	..	..
57.30	Epwin	263	..	4.4	18.6
27.90	Flare†	130	-7½	1.0	11.3
1.54	Gibbs & Dandy†	80½	..	5.2	8.7
198.40	Graham Grp†	142	+½	5.0	23.4
89.00	Halstead (J)†	390	..	4.1	13.3
2,024.60	Hanson	311	+10½	4.8	..
651.20	Hepworth†	288	-4	7.0	15.1
12.60	Howelson	77½	+2	4.2	15.5
247.20	Hoyard Wm	246	-2	7.0	10.2
327.10	Ibstock†	70½	..	3.5	38.0
55.10	Johnston	515	..	3.0	15.4
21.40	Lilleshall†	75½	..	8.0	12.9
423.90	Marley†	125½	+1	5.0	13.2
162.00	Marshalls	130	-1	5.0	14.0
551.80	Meyer Int	433½	-2½	3.3	38.6
221.40	Newmon Tnks	173	..	5.3	..
126.70	Norcros	72½	-3	1.7	..
15.00	Phoenix Timber	22½	..	1.7	51.0
1,165.80	Pilkington	112½	-2	5.6	18.1
404.60	Polypipe	241	-4½	1.6	19.7
2,443.70	RMC Grp†	943½	-12½	3.5	13.8
1,853.30	Redland	356	+2	6.0	17.7
14.20	Ruskel	79½	-2	7.5	8.9
48.50	Ruberoid†	101½	..	7.5	..
710.70	Rugby Group†	110½	-1	4.1	19.0
25.30	Russell (A)†	104½	..	3.2	16.6
374.20	SGI	328	..	2.7	15.9
4.84	SWP	2½	..	..	..
50.40	Sharpe & Fisher†	233½	..	3.1	17.5
65.80	Spring Ram	14½	..	..	..
109.40	Streamline Hldgs†	176½	+1½	6.1	11.5
1,151.70	Tarmac†	124	-1½	5.5	..
13.50	Titon	123	..	5.1	11.3
503.30	Travis Perkins†	485	+7½	2.6	19.8
5.27	Tudor†	47½	..	5.3	13.0
2,823.00	Wolseley	497	+3½	2.7	16.3

CHEMICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
493.80	Albright & Wilt	157½	-1½	5.5	11.7
874.80	Allied Colloids	127	+2½	2.9	22.7
20.00	Amber Ind	127½	..	5.6	10.8
57.80	Amberley Gp	56	+½	2.0	18.7
20.70	Anglo Utd	2½	..	..	9.0
14,805.00	BASF DM	2396½	-36½	2.7	..
4,605.10	BOC	949½	+35	3.8	16.4
459.20	BTP	373½	..	5.2	14.4
17,445.70	Bayer DM50†	2409½	-81½	2.2	..
57.80	Brent Chems	85½	-5½	4.7	9.9
487.60	Br Vita†	211½	-2	4.9	12.7
130.90	Brunner Mond	172	-3½	6.1	9.7
88.90	Canning (W)	304½	-½	3.5	14.8
91.30	City Technology†	187½	+3½	1.0	19.8
1,331.90	Courtaulds	327½	+3½	6.1	17.0
402.30	Croda†	298	+4½	4.2	12.5
47.10	Doeflex†	276½	-11½	3.9	12.0
296.90	Ellis & Everard	289	-7	4.1	13.5
31.40	Euro Colour	68½	-1	4.1	13.5
8.77	Gibson	83½	..	10.3	6.9
138.20	Hickson	78½	-7	..	19.2
14,231.10	Hoechst	2421½	..	2.1	..
157.50	Holliday Chem	150	-2½	4.4	14.3
5,078.40	ICI	699½	-3	5.7	31.5
341.00	Inspec†	195½	+9	4.0	10.7
453.30	Kalon†	130½	-½	5.0	21.3
1,234.80	Laporte†	636½	-31	4.6	13.6
66.80	Manders†	167½	..	8.6	16.3
25.20	Mersien	66	..	3.9	7.4
6.75	Metrotest	28	..	3.1	17.9
78.70	Porvair	308½	+7½	2.3	29.0
477.60	Scapa	199	-8½	4.3	10.8
39.10	Sutcliffe Speak	26	-1½	4.8	8.5
12,558.80	Takeda Chem	1436	+62½	0.5	25.0
54.60	Wyndeham Rt	685	+12½	4.7	16.0
102.10	Yorks Grp†	218½	+6	5.2	..
369.70	Yule Catto†	363½	-3	3.1	16.0

DISTRIBUTORS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
56.50	Acton Co Sols†	175½	-4	0.7	20.1
13.70	Adam & Harvey	319	-1	8.1	5.3
4.23	Alexanders	10½	+1	1.2	..
35.60	Appleyard†	53½	+½	11.0	..
7.88	Ass Br Eng	3	..	2.6	..
135.00	BSS Group	507½	-2½	5.0	14.9
4.65	Boxing Power	13½	..	..	..
2.17	Bogod 'A'	37½	..	2.6	10.5
302.00	Brammer†	655	+3½	3.1	16.9
8.00	Bridgend Gp	20	..	1.3	..
27.50	Bell Fittings†	115½	..	4.5	11.5
9.98	Caffyns	302½	..	4.6	12.5
53.00	Car Group	170	-½	2.9	16.8
34.60	Cavendish†	129	+3	3.5	..
31.60	Charles Sidney	76	+1	7.2	..
23.40	Cook (DC)	54	..	5.2	6.4
22.70	Dag Motors†	102½	-1½	9.4	..
21.50	Dennants B	121½	..	2.8	13.7
192.30	Diploma	344	-2	5.3	12.7

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,685.30	Electrocomponents	395½	-6	2.2	24.0
82.20	Eurodis Elec	140	+7½	4.4	20.0
49.20	European Mtr	91½	-3	7.2	8.3
75.10	Evans Halshaw†	234	..	8.8	..
6.43	Fife Indmar†	41½	-1	9.8	8.3
272.20	Firstbus Grp	345	-5	2.1	17.5
30.50	Gardiner	28½	-½	4.2	10.8
19.30	Glenchewton†	84	-3	2.6	12.5
9.48	Geerings†	106½	..	3.5	24.2
28.80	Hamlet†	66½	-½	7.9	8.8
26.90	Havis (Philip)	242½	..	4.5	14.8
192.80	Headlam	315	+10	2.3	..
5.90	Holders Tech†	147½	..	5.5	19.5
96.10	ISA Intl	235	-½	1.5	18.8
1,515.30	Inchcape†	286½	+13	4.6	17.5
6.75	Jacks (Wm)	62½	..	4.6	..
426.20	Kwik-Fit†	241½	+8½	2.8	17.3
400.00	Lex Service	351½	-2	5.7	11.8
34.90	Lookers	104½	..	9.6	7.0
23.70	Malaya Grp†	14½	+½	5.7	13.1
69.90	Middlesex	8½	..	1.1	13.4
15.80	Midstates†	30	-2	2.0	..
23.90	Norbain	227½	-2½	4.4	6.3
54.40	Northamber	158½	+½	1.1	8.5
229.60	Parker▼	317½	-15	3.1	16.7
140.30	Pendragon	262½	..	3.4	18.7
52.20	Perry Gp	204	-1	5.7	9.4
1,269.70	Premier Farnell†	457½	-20½	3.2	17.3
31.00	Quicks Group†	133½	..	6.6	9.0
29.60	REA	325	+6	1.6	39.5
3.54	Reece	2	..	..	23.3
17.90	Renson	20	-½	9.4	6.9
4.80	Ross Gp	3½	+½	..	..
27.10	Ryland	95½	+2	5.3	17.1
34.50	SEP Indl	27½	-½	8.0	7.3
15.90	Salter	61½	-6	2.5	..
209.20	Time Products	386	..	3.6	15.8
34.30	UMECO	298	+½	2.0	21.4
65.30	United Oseas Gp	77½	+6½	..	15.5
185.90	Vardy (Reg)	328½	-4	2.5	14.4
92.70	WF Elect	635	+11½	2.6	23.0
29.70	Wilshaw	37½	-2	3.3	9.4
100.80	Wyko	145	-1½	2.3	16.9
33.40	Young (H)	159½	+13	3.5	13.0

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
612.90	Autogasco	390	+5	1.7	..
230.40	Ascot Hldgs	285½	-8½	2.3	..
17,377.10	Broken Hill	874½	+39½	2.8	19.7
10,505.20	BTR†	261	+10	4.6	11.3
16,187.40	BATT	521½	-2	6.2	11.1
294.60	Bibby (J)	188½	..	5.0	11.0
1,475.60	Brierley Inv	55½	+½	8.6	9.1
802.30	Charter†	837½	+38½	4.4	11.8
1,520.40	Cookson†	221½	+4½	4.9	13.9
26.10	Cosalt	212½	+3½	6.2	9.0
253.90	DCC	314	-½	2.7	12.5
147.90	Grampian Hldg	132½	+19	5.9	..
863.30	Harrisons Crsfld	121	-1	9.7	11.0
17,090.20	Hutch Whamp	472½	+22	2.1	19.4
2,091.80	Imperial Tobacco	401½	-7½	6.2	8.0
2,453.30	Jardine Matht	341½	+4	4.5	..
1,075.80	Lonrho	136½	..	4.3	12.4
98.90	McLeod Russel	158½	-4	4.3	12.9
377.10	Powell Duffryn	437½	..	7.1	17.2
33.90	Repner	145	..	3.0	..
203.30	Sterling	175	-4	6.8	12.5
4,693.10	Swire Pacific	463½	+17½	2.7	17.7
586.10	TI Group†	357½	-9½	2.7	15.7
3,206.60	Tomkins	268½	+5	4.8	13.4
32.60	Unilab	167½	-22½	10.8	..
111.00	Wardle Storeys†	433½	+2½	5.8	16.2
681.20	Wassall†	349	+6½	2.2	21.4
62.50	Whitecroft	141	-2	4.4	11.3
1,686.00	Williams Hldg	320½	+2½	6.0	13.1

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,624.00	Br Energy P/P	134	+3	7.4	..
1,329.30	East Midlands	670	..	5.8	9.9
2,552.80	Energy Group	480	-1½	5.4	9.6
3,738.70	National Grid	218	-3½	6.4	8.2
8,211.50	National Power	512½	+15	5.8	9.7
562.60	Nthn Ireland	401	+11½	6.1	6.3
4,016.30	PowerGen	630½	+10	4.4	7.3
1,909.30	Hydro-Elec	388	+15½	5.2	8.9
4,291.60	Scottish Power	364	-10	6.4	10.9
2,044.30	Southern Elec	427½	+13½	8.3	9.3
1,474.10	Yorkshire Elec	820½	..	5.8	12.3

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
98.30	Acal	479½	-3	2.3	13.7
198.70	Acorn Comp	220½	-4	..	..
251.20	Admiral†	387½	+5	0.7	34.9
259.90	Amstrad	210½	-1½	1.8	..
119.70	Anite Grp	59½	..	..	..
31.60	Arlen	42½	+2½	3.8	9.8
481.30	Astec	149½	..	1.8	17.3
208.90	Aston	388½	+42	0.8	15.6
912.00	BICC	277½	-38½	7.4	..
13.40	Bestec Hanis	128	..	10.5	8.0
103.20	Bliss	333	-17	3.3	10.9
664.50	Bowthorpe†	358½	-16	3.8	14.3
2.02	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	20½	..	2.5	..
24.60	CML Micro	154½	..	4.9	30.2
31.50	Chemel Hldgs	34½	..	6.0	13.3
78.50	Chloride	31½	..	2.0	16.2
13.80	Claybithe	67½	+2	3.6	7.5
68.60	Colchley	612½	+2½	2.4	17.3
1,132.10	Dasha Es Sys	488½	+34	0.8	31.0
301.40	Delta†	334½	-13	6.0	10.5
90.90	Domino	385	+17½	3.9	18.6
13.40	Dowding Mills†	84½	-2	4.8	13.3
74.20	Druck	298½	-8	0.8	26.6
2,375.10	Electrolux 'B'†	3819½	-176½	2.7	..
27.80	Emess†	25	+½	1.3	19.9
17,634.60	Ericsson 'B'†	2037½	+88½	1.0	..
34.30	Eurocopy	69	-½	4.8	10.7
149.80	Eurotherm	389½	-67½	2.1	14.9
531.90	Farey Group	333½	..	2.1	16.5
125.30	Filtronic	385	-10	0.2	..
123.00	Forward Gp	260	-½	1.2	15.9
8.14	Forward Tech	86	-1½	6.8	..
10,105.30	GEC	384	-4½	4.4	16.6
63.70	Gresby†	144	-6	2.7	15.8
78.80	Intl Controls†	144	-2	3.1	15.8
7.54	Intelek	18	..	8.2	16.9
10.70	Icote†	112½	..	1.8	9.7
8.01	LPA Ind	54½	+3	3.1	17.1
162.10	Meiler-Sw	308½	-2½	2.5	17.5
13.30	Microvitec	24½	-½	4.6	26.2
449.80	Mitel	425	..	..	..
168.40	Oxford Inst	378	-8½	2.2	13.3
174.70	Pace Micro	81½	+3	3.7	9.1
8.20	Pacer Weilnet	115½	-..	4.1	9.1
50.90	Peek	42	+3	10.7	9.8
11,580.70	Philips Lmp nv	3418½	+290½	1.1	..
7.20	Plasmec	190	-2½	6.1	7.7
34.10	Plasmon	178½	-4	0.3	22.3
113.00	Pressac†	126	+1½	3.2	18.0
18.50	Prestwick	45½	+1	2.2	16.5
305.90	Psion†	420½	+3½	0.7	28.1
888.50	Racal Elect	235	-10	3.2	17.5
23.50	Radamec	120½	-1	3.0	20.1
290.10	Renishaw	365	-3½	2.7	18.4
6.36	Rodime	2½	..	..	..
120.80	Roxboro	215	-1	3.6	12.8
71.90	SDX Bus Sys	202½	-1½	2.7	16.3
40.40	Servomex	392½	-1½	..	..
51.70	Stevenants†	61½	..	..	..
5,944.80	TDK	4518½	+78½	0.8	..
14.90	TDI	86½	-1½	6.1	7.2
201.00	TLG	110½	-2	4.9	12.2
4.01	Tadpole Tech	15½	..	..	..
46.00	Telemetrix†	50	-1½	3.6	33.3
62.40	Telspec†	280	-2½	..	..
17.20	Thorpe FW†	133½	-3	4.0	11.2
3.03	Total Systems	30	..	6.2	8.8
68.30	Tunstall	207½	-2½	3.0	11.9
146.20	Verity	91	-4	0.4	..
76.00	Vero†	139½	-13	5.7	8.8
119.00	Volex	485	+2	8.0	13.8
2.74	Waterbourne	12	..	..	..
52.30	Whessoe	172½	..	1.8	40.5

ENGINEERING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
81.20	AIM	560	..	1.6	19.8
279.90	APV†	94	+39	3.6	..
22.10	ASW	28½	..	..	..
115.30	Alumasc	286	..	3.5	12.4
80.70	Alvis	141	-4	2.7	15.7
62.10	Ash & Lacy†	167½	-6	6.4	8.8
65.80	Atlas Equip†	632½	+5	4.3	12.5
10.60	Ayrshire Metal	105½	..	3.9	7.2
1,394.30	BBA†	335½	+2	2.8	18.0
53.10	BWI†	111	-3½	7.5	9.1
129.50	Babcock	78½	-8	3.1	..
4.67	Bailey (CH)	8½	..	..	6.1
169.00	Baynes (Charles)†	108½	-2½	3.3	12.9
16.30	Beaufort	35	-3½	2.7	12.2
17.10	Benson Group	90	..	1.2	..
193.00	Berisford Intl	126½	+½	4.4	21.4
1.15	Billam†	72	..	8.2	43.2
568.00	Bodycote	707½	-40	1.3	..
3.32	Booth Inds	41½	..	..	..
28.50	Brasway	25½	-½	4.2	9.8
74.70	Bridon	100	-8	5.7	15.7
5,587.90	Br Aerospace†	1296½	-51	1.5	18.3
2,985.70	Br Steel	146½	+1½	8.5	5.5
8.55	Brooke Tool	112½	..	3.3	7.2
19.00	Brunel	15½	..	4.0	11.8
144.00	Bullough	118½	-1½	5.8	15.8
124.60	Carclo Eng	203	..	6.6	10.6
105.40	Castings	248½	-4	2.3	15.7
9.62	Chamberlin Hill	130	-5	7.3	9.0
26.70	Chemring	112½	+2½	12.7	5.0
45.90	Clyde Blowers	350	+1½	2.9	16.9
564.50	Cobham	630½	-8	3.3	19.1
2.60	Cohen (A)	325	-50	2.8	..
78.60	Concentric	144½	..	8.9	10.7
142.40	David Brown	214½	+25	5.0	..
152.60	EIS	289	-55½	6.0	..
7.82	Eleco	20½	+3½	1.5	..
25.60	Elliott (B)	65	-½	5.8	8.7
73.30	Expamet†	115½	-1	3.6	17.8
1,008.40	FKI	178	+1½	3.8	14.6
136.00	Fenner	146½	-4	3.4	19.4
1.68	Ferrum	6½	..	..	..
40.60	Firth Hldgs	50½	+½	..	16.4
131.00	Firth Rixson	92½	..	1.9	23.6
38.10	GEI Intl	103	-10	5.5	9.8
5.66	Garton Eng	145	..	6.5	5.5
619.80	Glynwed†	253½	-2½	6.3	11.1
29.60	Graystone	75	..	11.2	4.7
127.70	Haden MacLn	113	-2½	3.1	13.0
23.60	Hadleigh	315	..	2.5	15.8
137.30	Hall Eng	257½	-1	3.7	10.1
469.80	Halma	174½	-8	2.0	18.9
79.10	Hampson Ind	70	-4	4.1	26.3
3.98	Hay (Norman)	20½	..	..	..
8.20	Headway	38½	+1	3.1	7.2
27.10	Hill & Smith	89½	-1½	11.3	11.9
22.10	Hopkinsons	28	-1	6.0	..
23.10	How Gp	55	+5½	4.4	..
377.30	Howden	128	+1	2.9	18.6
176.80	Hunting†	181½	+½	4.1	..
1,261.10	IMI	363	-1	4.5	14.2
1,073.70	Johnson Matth	495	-12½	3.7	14.2
9.64	Jones Stroud	37½	..	3.3	6.0
14.10	Kelsey Ind	455	-2½	6.6	14.7
25.40	Linear	287½	..	4.1	11.6
31.80	Locker (T)	39½	..	2.5	16.5
71.50	ML Hlgs	43	-1	4.2	69.2
5.48	MS Intl	20	+½	3.8	25.1
90.90	Mang Bronze	511½	..	2.0	15.1
514.50	McKechnie	484½	-12	4.8	11.8
280.70	Meggitt	119	-1	4.4	20.2
117.80	Metalrax	104½	+1	4.8	15.4
18.30	MetalTech	12½	+½	..	..
22.60	Metsec	145½	..	3.5	9.5
235.60	Molins†	655	+2½	4.2	9.0
973.10	Morgan Cble†	427	-13½	4.3	14.9
30.90	Morris Ashby	257½	-5	3.7	12.9
8.88	Neepsend	35½	..	6.3	6.8
17.10	OMI Ind	23	..	..	32.7
545.60	Powerscreen	608½	+5	2.0	18.4
24.80	Prospect Inds	44	..	..	..
96.10	Quadramatic	195	-7½	6.0	10.5
1.78	Quadrant Grp	4½	..	..	..
8.68	Radiant Metal	65	-5	..	..
43.70	Ransomes	31½	-2½	5.0	6.9
24.50	Record	71½	-2	6.6	10.8
167.20	Renold	244½	+16	3.7	11.0
0.71	Richards Group#	8½	..	..	..
28.40	Richardson Westf	81	-½	6.3	9.0
3,819.70	Rolls-Royce†	245	..	2.7	19.3
248.60	Rotork†	283½	-4	3.5	22.0
112.30	Rubicon	128	-2½	3.9	9.1
851.90	SKF 'B'	1337½	+3½	3.1	..
398.60	Senior Engd	131	+2½	3.0	18.0
98.70	Serti-Rite	493½	+8	1.3	30.1
4,422.60	Siebe	835	+23	1.8	19.4

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
71.70	Simon Eng	45½	+½	..	..
78.70	Six Hundred	142½	+7½	4.2	2.0
2,337.80	Smiths Inds†	705½	+5½	2.7	18.8
556.50	Spirax-Sarco†	703½	-24½	2.6	18.5
81.80	Sterling Ind	266½	-9	4.2	13.4
2,597.30	TI†	544½	+18	3.3	18.1
17.40	Tinsley (E)	108½	-7	6.9	11.0
178.60	Transtec	106½	-10	2.8	..
112.20	Triplex Lloyd	170½	-7	5.1	9.8
61.80	Unicorn Intl	162½	..	4.9	9.6
32.90	Utd Inds	73½	-2	4.2	20.8
727.90	Vickers†	218	+9	4.2	12.9
10.00	Villers Grp	9½	..	..	..
309.30	Vitec	636½	+½	2.4	11.4
280.30	Vosper Thorny	862½	+1½	3.5	14.4
149.80	Wagon Ind	280	..	8.8	8.8
485.30	Weir†	240½	+8	4.2	13.8
54.90	Wellington Hldgt	232½	..	4.4	13.7
39.10	Wellman	28½	-½	8.4	5.9
15.50	Wescol†	49½	-2	2.8	16.4
157.50	Wolsmart	651	+21	2.8	19.8
4.78	Widney	39½	..	11.1	11.9

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
103.60	Adwest	125	-5	7.8	17.6
16.60	Airflow Strms	185	-1	9.1	8.4
189.00	Avon Rubber	700	-6	3.5	13.5
307.90	BSG	104	-½	4.3	13.9
46.10	Bucknall†	272½	+14	3.2	11.3
18.90	Boustead#	18½	..	7.6	39.7
109.30	First Tech	692	+4½	1.7	20.5
3,380.00	GKN†	957½	+41	3.5	..
25,247.90	General Mtr	3553½	+134½	3.5	..
238.50	Henlys	450	-19	4.2	18.6
19,012.60	Honda Motor	1951½	+72½	0.3	..
561.70	Laird†	385	+18½	4.1	11.3
2,729.70	LucasVarity	192½	+3	0.0	19.1
371.70	Mayflower†	147½	-8½	1.9	27.8
38.40	Sytome	158	-2½	4.7	11.6
723.80	T & N†	136	-½	6.3	..
6.64	Tead	39½	..	..	..
164.80	Trinity Hldgs	294½	-9	3.9	..

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
4,783.50	AB Food	531½	+14	2.3	17.5
134.80	Acatos & Hutch	310	+1	4.0	41.8
290.70	Albert Fisher†	40½	-½	11.6	9.6
29.40	Banks (S C)	31½	+8½	4.4	12.0
74.20	Barr (AG)	382½	..	2.8	20.7
18.80	Benjamin Crsp	37	-1	3.4	9.3
756.80	Booker†	308½	-6½	8.8	..
14.60	Borthwick	25	..	8.5	31.9
14.90	CPL Aromas	114	+1	5.0	5.8
5,160.60	Cadbury-Schwp	514	-1	4.1	14.1
16.00	Canadian Pizza	88½	-2	7.1	10.2
25.80	Carrs Milling	322	-3	4.3	10.5
48.00	Claughton	98½	-1½	6.8	..
35.90	Cranswick	280	..	4.8	15.2
226.40	Dairy Crest Group	265½	+½	3.5	10.2
899.60	Dalgety†	310	-7½	8.9	27.8
18.80	Daniels SJ	45½	-1	8.7	18.8
483.20	Devro†	307½	-9½	3.5	22.3
110.00	Finlay (James)	110	+6	4.2	..
205.10	Geest	562½	+12½	8.8	22.3
30.70	Global†	21	..	8.0	11.2
580.80	Greencore	315	+15	3.6	12.9
553.50	Hazlewood Fds	188	..	7.7	8.1
1,328.60	Hillsdown	187½	+3	7.0	11.5
24.00	JLI Group	81½	+1	10.1	..
61.60	Linton Park	410	..	4.6	14.4
191.90	Matthews (B)†	122	-18½	4.9	14.1
78.70	Nichols (V)	208	-1½	4.3	12.3
1,215.60	Nthn Foods	195	-5	5.4	13.8
11.10	Northern Fa	18	-½	1.6	9.4
2.44	Pascoes	67	..	..	18.5
121.80	Perkins Food†	79	+½	7.1	9.3
21.90	Plant & Grn	68½	-½	3.0	..
6.25	Scotty Foods†	33	..	3.8	..
12.90	Sires Food	110	-25	..	..
2,002.50	Tate & Lyle	450	-3	4.1	11.5
16.00	Treat	188	..	4.5	14.0
1,130.50	Unigate	476	+13½	5.1	12.0
13,484.20	Unilever†	1654½	+31	2.4	20.6
10,215.20	Unilever (NV)	2119½	+53½	1.9	..
1,157.60	Utd Biscuits†	218½	-4	5.7	14.8
27.00	WT Foods	33½	..	3.0	22.8
5.01	Yorkshire Food	114½	..	9.8	..

HEALTHCARE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
745.80	Amersham	1394	+11½	1.9	20.9
20.50	Assoc Nurs	124	+2½	3.4	8.2
157.50	Bespak	622½	..	2.3	9.2
1,018.90	Biocompa Intl	1390	+38	..	..
213.20	Care First	127	+6	3.4	..
48.40	Cent UK	105½	-½	1.2	15.9
86.70	Celsis	196½	-4	..	..
131.40	Community Ht	388½	-3	3.4	16.3
53.10	CrestaCare†	28	+½	4.2	13.6
4.86	Ennomed	18	-3	..	..
14.50	Ferraris Group	126	-11½	3.0	12.3
64.10	Goldsborough	123½	-8	4.3	12.8
82.70	Huntleigh Tst	189½	-11½	2.2	..
103.00	Innovative Tech	326	+1	..	..
22.90	Intercare Gp	84½	-4	5.4	18.0
42.60	Isotron†	340	+7	2.2	14.4
281.50	Life Sciences	176½	..	4.4	..
614.80	Lon Intl	170½	..	1.5	47.2
102.90	Nestor-BNA†	134½	..	1.3	16.9
1.42	Premier Hlth	14½	+2	..	..
42.10	Quality Care	307½	+33½	2.2	8.2
208.50	Scholl†	300	-1½	3.2	..
239.90	Seton Health	473	-2½	2.2	21.0
89.50	Shield Diag	442½	-88	..	..
1,919.60	Smith & Neph	172½	..	3.3	18.8
16.00	Tunstall	3	..	3.1	14.7
456.00	UniChem†	258½	..	4.2	21.4
180.80	West Hillcare	280	..	3.1	14.8

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
56.60	Airsprung	249½	..	2.8	15.2
113.50	Alba	237½	+1½	3.2	15.9
9.75	Amcourt	37½	..	2.6	24.5
10.10	BLP Group	152½	-2½	3.0	9.6
5.70	Bilston Blkmm	60½	-2½	3.9	17.9
17.80	Black Arrow	71	+6½	6.3	8.2
199.10	Black (Peter)	366½	-6	2.8	20.0
75.10	Coswell Pkr Bp	177½	..	1.6	20.5
5.47	Creighton 10	27½	-3	..	..
7.38	Dallyelo	61½	+6½	12.2	..
87.90	Denby Group	280	-½	1.8	21.2
84.30	Eclipse Blinds	136½	-8½	2.8	14.0
4.76	Ethorl	37½	..	4.0	7.6
8.58	Gestetn	175	..	3.5	10.5
190.10	MYP Ind	270	+19	2.3	13.1
11.40	Jourdan (T)	63½	-2	3.0	16.9
63.60	Renwood App	136½	-18	8.0	8.0
9.88	Lionheart	11½	..	..	..
220.60	McBride†	138	-4½	8.7	10.8
42.90	Maytrent†	187½	-2½	6.3	9.5
49.00	Osborne & Little	780	..	2.5	17.2
115.70	Paterson Zoch†	474	..	5.0	11.7
97.50	Paterson Zch 'A'†	424	..	5.3	10.5
22.50	Pifco	223	-1	3.2	12.9
15.00	Pifco 'A' Vtg	218	-1	3.2	12.6
3,487.50	Reckitt Colm†	859	+21½	3.2	16.9
81.70	Relyon	376½	+6	3.3	18.4
154.30	Royal Doulton†	280	-1½	4.3	13.0
139.20	Silentnight	237½	-17½	3.6	17.8
12.40	Stoddard	18½	-2	..	..
72.00	Stoves	262½	+1	2.4	19.8
24.40	Swallowfield†	218	-8½	4.2	12.1
13.00	Tomkinsons	200	..	7.2	13.8
6.12	Victoria Carpet	90	..	3.3	24.7
72.80	Walter Greenbk	81	-1½	7.9	..
981.90	Waterford Wdgwd†	83½	-2	1.7	..
4.70	Wood (Arthur)	236	..	3.7	13.7

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5,442.70	Am Gen	2999½	+216½	3.3	..
147.20	Angerstein	119	..	3.0	38.3
48.70	Bradstock	76	..	9.4	12.4
1,659.70	Britannic†	864	+38	4.1	25.1
109.00	CLM Insce	126½	..	2.7	..
4,902.40	Comm Union†	722	+61	5.2	12.8
179.20	Cox Insce	169½	..	0.5	26.5
155.60	Dom & Genl	2287½	+112½	2.3	19.6
92.10	FBD &	228	-7½	4.5	..
42.50	Firstcity Under	134	..	2.1	69.1
4,359.10	Gen Accident	902½	+64½	4.9	8.3
2,669.20	GRE†	293	+21	4.3	6.0
60.50	Heath C E	80	-1½	6.2	10.9
162.80	Hibernian E	304½	-1	4.4	..
40.80	Hiscox Select	136	..	2.4	..
328.40	Independent†	718½	+10	2.3	9.0
951.30	Irish Life†	313	+11½	4.8	..
350.20	Jardine Lyd Thl	187½	..	6.7	..
27.90	Kiln Capital	108½	-2½	3.9	33.9
97.70	Lambert Fen	110½	+½	9.5	12.8
5,329.20	Legal & Genl	429	+36½	3.2	15.5
4,203.40	Liberty Life†	1721½	+53½	2.6	..
532.90	Lndn & Manf	435	+25½	5.8	12.1
385.40	London Ins Mkt	130½	+1	5.7	35.1
5,432.50	Marsh McLn	7368½	+269½	3.0	..
48.80	Medhead	121	..	..	..
62.00	Nelson Hurst†	136½	+½	7.9	12.5
84.20	New London Cap	107	-½	3.5	28.0
44.60	Oldham	87	..	6.0	9.6
35.80	Oriel	109½	-2	6.0	..
19.80	Premium Trust	99	..	4.8	23.3
22.00	Premium Under	166½	..	..	..
11,777.50	Prudential†	611½	+35½	3.5	19.2
5.82	PWS	18	..	4.5	10.9
7,625.50	Royal & Sun All†	489½	+30	4.9	14.2
371.30	St James Place†	133½	+1½	1.1	10.3
598.20	Sedgwick	125½	+½	6.4	18.8
14.30	Steel Burrill	28	-1	7.2	9.8
1,705.30	Sun Life & Pr	302	+8½	4.2	16.4
87.50	Syndicate Cap	125	..	3.0	39.2
1,578.50	Utd Assurance†	487½	+21	4.6	13.5
77.90	Wellington	117	-1	7.4	..
605.80	Willis Corroon	144	-½	5.7	12.1
7.58	Windsor	15	..	5.0	6.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3,059.90	3i	516	+17	2.1	43.2
202.20	Aberforth Smlr	244½	+1	2.8	32.1
19.10	Aberforth Sm Wts	143	+1½	..	..
41.60	Abtrust Emerg	83½	..	0.6	..
40.50	Abtrust High Inc†	78½	+½	10.7	18.2
87.90	Abtrust N Dawn	203½	-½	0.7	..
1,154.20	Alliance	2290	+27	3.0	38.3
306.20	American Trust	370	+27½	1.9	83.3
608.40	Anglo & O'seas	531	+16½	2.2	55.3
8.14	Ascot Opps	92½	..	0.3	..
26.70	Baillie Gifford SH	84	-3	..	..
142.10	Bankers†	227½	+1½	2.7	39.3
111.90	Baring Em Eu	90½	+1½	..	..
209.60	Baring Tribune	408½	+3½	2.4	45.5
343.80	Br Assets	105½	+1½	5.8	18.3
223.50	Br Empire Sec	118	+2½	1.1	..
815.90	Br Inv	261½	+3½	2.7	..
50.60	Brazilian	81	+½	2.0	..
209.80	Brunner	318½	+7½	2.5	45.6
59.50	BZW Conv	116½	-3½	8.4	13.7
152.50	Candover†	882½	+1	2.7	38.6
141.00	Central Euro Gwth	70½	..	..	..
59.30	Croft Asset	244	+3½	1.5	..
3.83	Dimen Inv Inc	77½	-1	13.3	8.1
66.30	Derby Cap	432½	+5	..	..
18.02	Derby Inc	132½	-6	21.1	6.6
229.60	Dunedin Inc GW	143½	-2	3.0	22.3
90.60	Duncan Smlr	381	..	3.1	37.9
278.40	Dunedin Wrldw	168	+6½	1.4	66.4
219.80	Edin Dragon	81½	+½	..	..
24.10	Edinburgh Inca	29½	+½	..	..
1,095.90	Edinburgh IT	373	+8	3.4	32.4
41.80	Edin Japan	121½	+7½	..	..
806.60	Electra Inv	488	+3	2.3	43.6
87.20	English Nat	210	+1½	0.2	..
241.10	Eng & Scot	148½	..	2.5	38.7
84.10	European Asset†	377½	+3½	1.3	..
98.10	Fidelity Asian Val	95½	+1	..	..
145.60	Fidelity Euro Valt	255	+8	0.2	..
44.50	Fidelity Jap Val	42½	+2½	0.3	..
48.60	Fidelity Spec Val	132	+2	8.5	..
33.50	Finsbury 'A'	208½	+1	2.3	47.2
182.20	Five Arr Chile	198½	+3½	1.6	58.6
0.41	Five Arr Wts	23½	..	..	..
298.80	Fleming Amer	432	+18½	0.8	..
51.00	Fleming Chinese	84½	+3½	0.7	..
3.78	Fleming Ch Wts	31½	+1½	..	..
191.30	Fleming Claverhs	327	+8½	2.5	42.7
276.20	Fleming Contl	423	+10	1.2	..
135.00	Fleming Em Mkts	133½	+5½	0.2	..
98.20	Fleming Enlo	240½	+3½	0.6	..
481.40	Fleming F East	388	-2	0.8	..
50.10	Fleming Fledg	100½	+1½	11.1	11.0
85.70	Fleming Ing Inc	158½	..	..	..
63.80	Fleming Ing Cap	90½	..	..	..
46.30	Fleming In Wts	16½	..	..	..
2.77	Fleming In Wts	190½	+11	..	..
373.00	Fleming Japan	375½	+7½	2.9	34.2
542.60	Fleming Merc	103½	..	0.7	..
42.50	Fleming Nat Best	341½	+11	1.7	78.2
453.50	Fleming Overs	155	+½	3.6	32.6
41.40	Fleming Smllr Co	155½	+8½	1.8	53.5
1,038.60	Foreign & Col	93	-1	4.8	27.3
40.30	F&C Inc Gwh	103	+½	..	..
183.60	F&C Eng Mkts	144½	-1½	2.1	48.4
136.10	F&C Enterprise	327	+12½	0.5	..
203.70	F&C Eurotst	153½	+4	0.5	..
60.30	F&C German	155½	+4½	1.5	..
357.50	F&C Pacific	145	+1	3.6	33.5
85.50	F&C PEP	174½	+1½	1.7	69.6
183.00	F&C Smaller	131	+4½	..	..
65.90	F&C US Smlr	54½	-2	11.2	9.8
21.30	Framlin Inct	78	+½	..	..
19.60	Framlin Cap	57½	..	..	..
2.01	Frank Dual Cp	16	..	..	..
2.88	Fulcrum Cap	21½	-1½	44.8	2.8
2.41	Fulcrum Inc	180½	+1½	..	..
15.80	Fulcrum Zero	232	-1	4.6	..
128.00	Gartmore Brit	205	+2	2.1	49.7
11.50	Gartmore Ent	216	+7½	0.9	..
87.20	Gartmore Euro	87½	+..	14.1	9.0
20.80	Gartmore Shrd	363	-9	3.0	65.4
50.80	Gartmore Smlr Cos	43½	+2½	12.9	..
25.00	Geared Inc Ord	48½	..	11.6	..
27.70	Geared Inc Inc	210	+4	..	..
38.00	Genl Cons Cap	105	-1	12.0	9.9
38.00	Genl Inc	124	..	0.8	..
48.70	Genesis Inv	241	-3	0.3	..
60.40	Gov Asn Sm Cos	105½	+½	0.4	..
40.30	Gov Eng Mkts	108½	+2½	..	..
41.50	Govett Am Smlr	81	..	..	..
17.70	Gov Glob Smlr	78	-1	8.2	13.7
38.20	Govett High Inc	161½	+2½	8.8	..
579.50	Govett Oriental	393½	+2½	2.8	41.6
347.10	Govett Strategic	12½	..	..	2.3
0.53	Gresham House	115½	+1½	3.8	..
62.10	GT Inc Growth	203½	+11	1.9	..
127.00	GT Japan	85	+1½	0.7	11.9
99.00	Gulf Fl Ex Inc	104½	-1½	9.5	..
19.00	Henderson Am Cp	20½	+1½	..	..
7.84	Henderson Am Ib	287½	-3	1.8	97.7
1.52	Henderson Am Wt	470½	+3	1.3	87.0
241.80	Hend Elec Gen	129½	-1½	0.3	19.8
56.90	Hend Gmlnr	63½	+1½	..	..
36.00	Hend High Inc	475½	-2½	0.4	..
53.30	Hend Jap Smlr	8	+1	..	..
81.80	Hend Tech	133½	..	0.8	..
46.50	Herald	87	..	8.4	14.2
110.70	High Income T	147	..	2.1	62.4
22.00	Fl Gorest Gmlr	18½	..	..	..
124.20	IIS Ent	155	+½	2.3	38.5
0.49	IIS UK Smlr	188½	+1½	4.3	..
46.00	Inv Cap	110½	-4	..	..
382.10	Int Biotech	38	-1	..	..
73.90	Intl Wts	27½	..	..	..
2.64	INVESCO Asia	93½	..	9.6	..
105.10	INVESCO Blue	61	..	19.9	8.8
8.34	INVESCO Eng Ind	188	-2	0.7	62.6
117.80	INVESCO Jap Dis	50½	+1½	..	..
14.10	INVESCO Korea	78½	+2½	..	..
28.10	INVESCO Tokyo	41½	+1½	..	..
15.80	J Fry 2nd U	48½	+1	10.4	11.9
48.80	J Fry Euro U	89½	+1½	5.7	16.5
10.30	JF Fledg Jap	140	+7½	..	..
88.20	Jupiter Ex Inc	91	+2	10.1	9.8
0.80	Jupiter Ex IncW	70	+½	..	..
11.50	Jupiter Grd Cap	79½	-½	12.2	10.2
12.20	Jupiter Grd Pfd	5½	..	..	..
31.80	Jupiter Intl Gm	128½	..	..	..
31.50	Kiwnt Clrt	331½	+3	2.2	46.4
41.80	Kiwnt E Mkt	111½	+1½	..	..
48.10	Kiwnt End	180½	..	..	..
26.90	Kiwnt H Ins	88½	-4	14.3	8.2
238.80	Kiwnt O'seas	289	+10	1.7	57.3
24.20	Kiwnt Smlr	183½	..	2.5	49.0
104.30	Korea-Euro	298½	-8½	0.4	..
118.50	Latin American	131½	+..	..	..
219.80	Law Debenture	847½	+2½	3.5	28.7
34.40	Life Off Opp	105	-1	..	..
32.00	Lloyds Sm Cap	130½	..	..	..
5.21	Lloyds Sm Divt	21½	-½	24.2	8.3
37.50	Lloyds Sm Pfgt	153	+½	3.4	..
53.90	Lon St Lawrenct	162½	+½	4.8	26.1
73.50	Lowland	310	-½	4.6	23.7
69.80	M&G 2nd Dual Cp	687½	-2½	..	..
7.98	M&G 2nd Dual In	78	-½	..	2.8
147.10	M&G Dual Cap#	3460	..	..	..
5.89	M&G Dual Inc#	99	..	..	1.2
56.60	M&G Inc Geared	58½	-4½	13.0	10.1
78.80	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cp	32	-1½	..	..
58.50	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	23½	-2½	28.4	4.3
187.70	M&G Inc Package	128½	-4½	3.2	29.1
181.20	M&G Inc Zero Div	73½	..	..	..
26.30	M&G Rec Cap	19½	-1	..	..
435.30	M&G Rec Geared	49½	-2½	15.6	8.0
31.60	M&G Rec Inc	27½	-1	20.0	4.3
160.50	M&G Rec Pacge	148	-2	4.9	26.2
136.40	M&G Rec Zero Div	101½	..	..	..
36.70	M Curle Euro	157½	+5	0.6	..
19.20	M Curle Japan	88½	+2½	..	..
59.20	M Curle Pac	144½	..	0.8	..
139.90	Majedie	285	+8	3.2	33.3
297.20	Merchants†	290½	+5	5.7	21.3
606.60	Mercury Euro Pv	116½	+1	2.0	44.8
38.50	Mercury Ear Wt	33½	+..	..	..
396.30	Mercury Warldt	93	+½	1.5	78.0
5.54	Mercury Wld Wts	6½	..	..	..
501.70	Monks Inv Tst	646½	+3½	1.9	49.6
63.10	Morg Grnr Inc	170½	+5	4.5	27.1
3.22	Morg Wts	68½	+6½	..	..
57.00	Morg Latn Amer	85½	+½	0.5	..
4.20	Morg Wts	32½	+1	..	..
29.90	Murray Ent	125½	+1	2.9	35.0
0.87	Murray Ent Wts	18	+1	..	..
44.50	Murray Emg Ecp	81½	+½	0.6	..
2.27	Murray Em Ec Wt	17½	..	..	..
26.90	Murray Eurot	74½	+½	0.8	..
326.80	Murray Income	378½	..	4.6	28.0
521.70	Murray Intl	434	+5	3.8	30.1
12.60	Murray S/C DP	197½	+1	..	..
11.28	Murray S/C Cap	392½	+1	..	..
5.16	Murray S/C Inc	64½	-2	33.7	5.0
1.92	Murray S/C Uts	3700	..	4.0	..
247.40	Murray Small	441	-2½	1.4	65.2
98.70	Murray Ventt	391½	+½	4.8	21.9
1.99	Newmarket	5½	..	..	..
155.30	O'seas Inv Tst	407½	+15	1.1	..
3.73	O'seas Wts	207½	+10½	..	..
132.80	Pacific Assets†	102	-2½	0.5	..
178.80	Pacp Inc Gth	103½	-½	2.1	..
17.30	Perpetual Jap	47½	+2½	..	..
45.50	Perpt Uk Sm Co	325	-½	3.7	28.1
28.20	Personal Assets	2141½	+175	2.0	48.3
44.50	Pilot Inv	120	+¾	2.2	48.9
60.80	Prolific Inc	116½	-3½	5.0	26.7
440.10	RIT Cap Ptnr	243	+3	0.8	..
	Robeco	506½	-½	2.2	..
	Rolinco	522½	-..	1.2	..
125.30	Schrd Asia Pac	89½	-1	0.3	..
83.70	Schrd Eng Co	86½	+1½	..	..
103.60	Schrd Inc Gwth	131	..	3.6	24.9
77.80	Schrd Jap Gwth	47½	+2	..	..
38.10	Schrd Korea	455½	+1½	..	..
7.43	Schrd Split Cap	26½	+..	..	..
60.30	Schrd Split Inc	108½	-½	9.6	12.1
54.80	Schrd Split Zero	145½	+½	..	..
304.50	Schrd UK Gwth	136½	-½	2.8	26.7
173.70	Schrd Vent Intl	180	-3½	..	..
843.10	Scot	127½	+5½	2.5	48.3
391.90	Scot American	175½	+1½	3.9	34.8
71.70	Scot Asian	255	-10½	..	..
3.35	Scot Wts	575	-65	..	..
682.70	Scot Eastern†	107½	-½	2.2	42.7
1,069.50	Scot Mige	256½	+8½	2.2	..
154.50	Scot Natl Tst	98½	-½	11.1	11.1
62.40	Scot Value	124	+1	2.0	61.3
392.60	Second Alliance	2045	+20	3.0	40.3
337.90	Secs Tst of Scot	105½	+..	4.3	28.2
29.70	Siltes Smlr	152½	..	5.8	24.3
67.00	Smaller Cos	136½	..	2.9	40.5
127.50	St Andrew Inv†	370½	-1	3.2	38.5
228.60	Temple Bar	397½	+3½	5.0	22.7
250.60	Throgmorton	82½	..	3.5	39.4
683.00	Tolton Emg Mkt	145½	-½	0.9	..
387.00	TR City Of Lon†	191½	+4	4.0	29.8
255.20	TR Euro Growth	169	+1	1.3	..
92.00	TR Far East	164	-½	3.2	24.6
219.60	TR Pacific	110½	-1½	0.3	..
182.40	TR Property	38½	+1½	3.2	28.7
397.40	TR Smlr Cos	223	-2	2.2	41.4
122.70	TR Tech Inv	337½	+8	3.7	42.2
28.30	Tuley Trust	266	-5	1.7	55.4
163.90	Undervalued Ast	154½	+2½	1.9	..
65.00	Value Inc Tst	143½	-1½	3.5	32.5
80.90	Value Real	86½	..	..	..
10.40	Voyageur Er Em	102½	+1	0.7	..
28.80	Warrants & Val	36	+..	..	..
17.30	Wigmore	65	+2½	1.8	33.6
1,071.50	Witan	282½	+3½	3.9	40.2
19.10	Yeoman Inc	77½	-1½	24.4	5.0

LEISURE & HOTELS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
29.00	ABI Leis	87½	-1½	7.0	8.6
1,264.60	Airtours	938½	+20	3.3	19.0
43.70	Ald Leis†	37	-1½	3.8	21.4
78.90	Arcadian†	53½	..	2.8	..
18.70	BS Group	167½	..	4.1	..
21.50	Baldwin†	112½	-5	4.4	14.1
39.30	Bar & Wall	283½	+12	8.9	14.5
72.60	Bluebird Toys†	179½	-8½	6.6	11.7
170.50	Boosey Hwks†	870	+72½	1.3	31.9
9.61	Brent Walker	2	-½	..	..
37.40	Burndene	26	..	6.5	9.6
180.30	Capital Corp	108½	-1	2.9	13.6
35.09	Clevedon	77½	-1	..	27.7
32.70	Clubhaus	89½	+1	3.6	12.7
33.20	Eurocamp	282½	+6	..	..
776.50	Euro Disney	101½	-4½	..	..
58.10	Euro Leisure	159½	+4	0.8	4.5
3.81	Fairingdale#	14	..	..	10.0
281.90	First Choice	116	+7	3.2	30.8
851.20	First Leisure	338½	-3½	3.1	18.4
32.30	Friendly Hotels†	181½	+1	4.1	20.9
7,858.50	Granada	880	+10½	1.0	20.5
18.80	Hi-Tec Sports	37	-1½	..	11.2
30.80	Hornby	244½	-1	2.8	80.0
102.90	Hozelock	432½	+5	3.2	16.9
268.30	Jarvis Hotels	159	-3½	6.6	..
140.90	Jarys Hotel	331½	-1½	2.0	17.8
55.20	Kunick	22½	..	3.7	13.6
2,749.50	Ladbroke†	281	+2½	3.3	23.8
839.50	London Clubs	385	-5	2.2	25.2
105.80	Macdonald Htls	180½	-5	2.8	18.6
426.70	Man Utd†	687½	-8	1.0	30.8
512.30	Mandarin Oreit†	66½	+2½	6.3	..
838.60	Millennium & Cop	372½	-8	1.8	14.7
126.40	Northern	248½	-5	2.7	21.8
13.70	Prism Leisure	161½	+2	4.7	8.7
13.80	Queensborough†	2	..	1.2	12.5
38.00	Queens Moat	18	+1½	..	10.0
3,613.60	Rank Grp	432	..	4.8	34.4
27.80	Ryan Hotels E	42½	..	5.7	..
405.40	Savoy Hotel 'A'†	1417½	..	1.8	..
56.20	Sinclair (Wm)	248½	-8½	4.1	14.2
24.60	Southampton	99½	-3½	1.4	..
755.30	Stakis	89	+2	2.7	18.2
305.20	Stanley Leisure	277½	-½	1.6	27.8
7.29	Tandem	7½	+1	..	..
1,300.10	Tanjong	346	..	1.4	22.7
1,015.10	Thistle Hotels†	184½	-5	2.8	18.1
109.20	Toasters Htl	108½	+5	0.8	18.6
23.00	Toy Options	109½	-1½	4.0	8.8
109.20	VCI†	257½	-8	3.8	13.0
163.90	Vardon†	125	+½	1.9	17.9
201.60	Wembley	370½	-3	0.7	12.0
6.50	Zetters Gp	91½	-1	10.7	9.2

MEDIA

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
278.20	Abbott Mead†	735½	-7½	1.9	..
24.60	Adscene	113½	..	5.4	9.8
508.90	Anglia Gp	611½	+2	1.0	17.4
77.20	Atlantic Telecom	153½	..	..	..
5.19	BBB Design	62½	..	..	..
44.70	Barbour Index	280	-27	4.6	28.3
4.86	Birkdale	3½	..	..	..
5.75	Black (A&C)	370	..	4.9	14.0
39.30	Border TV	365	-3	2.0	22.6
77.80	Bristol	477	-30½	3.7	22.1
31.80	Brit Allcroft	135½	..	1.5	23.1
9,752.40	BSkyB	587	-10	1.3	37.4
65.50	CIA Gpt	157½	-1½	1.9	..
401.10	Capital Radio	545	+11	2.9	18.6
3,064.30	Carlton Comm	508½	-17	2.7	16.0
191.00	Chrysalis	710	..	0.5	..
6.28	City of Lon	78½	+1	8.3	10.5
568.10	Cordiant	128	-3½	1.0	..
86.80	Daily Mail	1731½	+6½	1.4	26.4
1,533.50	Daily Mail 'A'	1534½	-40½	1.6	25.2
281.80	Dorling Kindt	287½	-10	2.0	24.2
1,580.80	EMAP	764	+8½	1.9	28.4
5,372.20	EMI	1239	+15	2.8	30.3
6,523.00	Elsevier	882½	+7½	2.4	..
313.10	Euromoney Pb	1435	+10	4.0	20.0
15.80	Ficht	43½	..	1.1	12.1
691.00	Flextech	632	+38	..	..
181.40	GGT Group	231½	-1	3.2	18.2
214.10	GWR Gp	194½	-5½	1.7	33.7
55.10	Granada Group	357½	-10½	2.1	17.8
12.70	Goodhead	31½	..	1.9	19.2
85.80	Grampian	258½	+12½	3.6	..
274.10	HTV Group†	311½	-8	1.7	37.5
15.60	Hayes Pub	240	-2½	5.6	11.0
16.20	Highbury Hse	18	..	..	..
74.50	Hodder H'Rast	211	-1	3.9	15.9
29.20	Home Counties	252½	..	2.7	52.9
143.10	ISCJ	365	-11½	3.2	13.2
40.20	Incepta	23½	-1½	..	16.1
1,076.10	Independent†	322½	..	2.4	..
5.98	Intermedia	130	..	3.8	18.4
382.80	Johnston Press†	198	-6	1.6	22.3
20.20	Lopex†	37½	..	2.5	..
207.40	MAID	223½	-13	..	..
124.80	Maidest†	313½	..	1.4	21.7
19.30	Mediakey†	39½	+½	4.0	11.9
105.50	Metal Bulletin	1055	..	2.4	30.7
195.80	Midland Indt	142	-½	3.3	27.0
884.10	Mirror Grp†	218½	-1½	2.7	15.0
283.30	Misra Grp†	533	-13½	3.0	15.8
5,542.50	News Corp	285	-4½	0.5	7.7
2,299.20	News Corp Prd	284½	-1½	1.5	..
19.00	On Demand Inf	34½	..	..	..
7.79	Osprey Comms	28½	..	..	12.0
4,084.10	Pearson†	714	+1	3.2	57.5
27.30	Photolink	58½	-1	..	..
181.40	Portsmth Sund	845	+6	2.8	17.0
41.40	Quarto†	225	-3½	4.4	8.5
6,535.00	Reed Intl†	1148½	+25	3.0	20.4
11,475.10	Reuters	679	+56	2.2	22.2
102.90	Scott Radio	384	..	2.5	28.6
416.80	Scot TV†	685½	..	3.4	22.4
68.80	Shandwick	59	-1½	3.8	9.2
5.25	Sleepy Kids	17½	-4½	6.8	20.9
79.90	Southnews	605	+1½	1.6	27.7
10.70	Sterling Pub	29	-1½	..	43.2
120.30	Taylor Nelson	64	..	1.9	21.7
47.20	Television Cpt	169	+3	2.0	16.0
7,679.80	Thomson Corp	1323½	+77½	3.5	27.8
627.20	Trinity Intl†	453½	-7	3.3	16.9
80.60	Ulster TV†	148½	+6½	4.3	14.5
3,682.80	United News†	745½	+7½	3.9	70.5
7.07	VTR	65½	..	9.1	5.2
63.90	Visual Action	157½	-1	3.1	13.9
1,864.10	WPP	251½	-3½	0.8	18.2
83.80	Wilmington	117½	-8½	0.3	36.4
609.40	Yorkshire TV†	1100	-8	3.0	28.9

MINING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,069.70	Ang Am Coal	4325	+12½	3.2	..
9,168.20	Ang Am	3925	+78½	2.1	16.7
1,001.30	Ang Am Gold	4146½	-48½	5.0	..
14.10	Anglo Pac Res	17½	+½	..	..
127.60	Arcon Intl	48	+4½	..	..
703.40	Ashanti	737½	-18½	2.4	..
285.10	Ashton	101½	+3½	3.8	..
68.40	Avocet	285	-10	..	..
53.70	Bakyrchik	135	-28½	..	..
344.20	Beatrix	389½	+1	3.3	17.1
3.31	Bisichi	31½	+½	3.3	..
30.40	Blyvoors	80	-6	..	..
65.59	Bougainville	21½	-½	..	..
1.85	Butte#	0½	..	..	..
5,849.40	CRA	928	+12½	3.7	18.2
442.50	Central Pacific	441½	+29½	..	..
5.21	Cons Murchison	63½	..	..	..
8,444.00	De Beers	2221½	+12½	2.1	27.8
47.70	Deelkraal	48	+½	..	..
1,071.60	Driefontein	925½	-8½	4.6	24.7
43.40	Durban	471½	+1½	..	..
49.60	E Rand Gold	188½	+..	10.7	6.0
41.50	E Rand Prop	22	+4	..	..
264.70	Elandsrand	288½	+6	9.6	..
637.00	Eng China Clt	287½	+6	4.3	30.1
127.00	Evander	232½	..	5.4	7.4
801.50	FS Cons	421½	..	1.8	30.2
11.39	FS Dev	60½	..	..	..
1,490.80	GFSA	1837½	-3½	2.0	38.9
3,695.10	Gencor	238½	+½	1.1	14.6
14.20	Gold Fields Prop	150	+4½	8.0	10.3
28.70	Greenwich R 'A'	17½	..	..	11.9
15.10	Grootvlei	131½	..	..	..
95.30	Gwalia Cons	121½	..	4.4	17.9
130.70	Harmony	485½	-16½	..	..
453.60	Impala Plat	668½	-8½	2.0	..
68.50	Kidston	54½	..	..	..
698.40	Kloof	434½	-20½	3.6	34.6
15.25	Mapleridge	18½	+..	..	..
1,357.90	MIM	83	+½	3.1	..
3,121.70	Minorco†	1384½	-3½	2.8	..
40.00	Morach	29	..	..	..
4.60	Montagelet	75	-39	5.0	..
4.68	NIMAP	7	..	..	..
1,849.40	Normandy	77½	..	3.4	18.5
1,849.90	North	217½	+10	3.3	24.6
55.50	Pecking Tin	8	+½	..	..
477.80	RGC	227½	+2½	3.1	8.4
624.20	RUSP	435	+6	6.7	0.2
10,619.00	RTZ	881½	+17	3.4	19.9
13.30	Rockwood	91	..	8.1	11.2
191.10	Randfontein	947½	+½	7.3	18.6
1,271.70	Rustenbg	985½	+8½	2.8	25.9
82.00	St Barbara	28½	+1½	..	..
39.50	St Helena	310½	-8½	2.2	10.6
378.60	Sons Gwalia	370½	-4½	4.8	18.8
517.70	Stilson Pacific	186½	+17½	..	..
403.80	Southvaal	1088½	-8½	7.7	..
5.55	Stillfontein	42½	-8½	..	..
700.50	Vaal Reefs	2498½	-288½	7.6	..
28.30	Warble Cal 2	35	..	8.1	..
7.36	Water Holl	..	..	..	..
48.20	Wells Blakes	133	+½	5.8	18.8
423.40	Western Deep	1454	+81½	3.3	30.8
4,027.10	Western Mng	364½	+3½	2.7	32.1
198.20	Zambia Copper	133½	-½	..	..

OIL & GAS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
173.90	Abbot Group	128½	-4½	1.8	..
8.09	Alliance Res	38½	-28½	..	..
42.80	Aus Oil & Gas	85	-½	..	..
3.94	Aviva Pet	31½	+2½	..	..
843.80	Br Borneo	1382½	+28	0.8	..
9,051.30	BG	187½	+1	18.5	18.4
36,881.40	Br Petroleum†	702½	+8	3.5	14.1
32.50	Bula Resources	2	..	..	..
2,157.10	Burmah Castrol	1017½	+13	4.8	14.9
925.80	Cairn Energy	528½	+22	..	..
2,628.40	Canadian?	591½	+1½	..	..
436.70	Clyde Petl	120½	+1½	1.8	18.4
27.30	Daplex Res	13½	..	..	..
137.30	Dana Pet	228½	-1½	..	..
167.90	Dragon Oil	2½	+½	..	..
10.60	Edin Oil & Gs	38½	-1½	1.1	19.9
47.70	Emerald Energy	8	+1	..	..
3,033.00	Enterprise†	611½	-4½	3.5	23.5
164.80	Fortune	18½	+..	..	..
361.80	Hardy Oil†	307½	+6	0.6	43.5
17.00	Intl Tool & Sup	7	..	..	..
47.20	JKX Oil & Gas	40½	..	..	..
2,159.00	LASMO†	228½	-7½	0.8	60.6
3.01	Lazarus Units	42½	..	24.4	..
608.40	Monument	87	-1½	..	49.4
6,913.80	Reask Hydro†	3018½	+69½	2.0	9.6
8.38	Oceanics#	19	..	..	..
452.50	Oil Search	147½	+3½	..	..
109.70	Pelroc	99½	+½	..	..
359.20	Premier†	38	-½	1.0	8.8
31.70	Pittencrieff Rs	69	-1½	..	18.8
627.20	Ranger	837	+15½	3.1	11.3
58,820.20	Royal Dtch Pt	1103½	+37½	3.1	..
18,376.50	Schlumberger	6728½	-186½	1.4	..
37.80	Seafield	55	+1	..	32.1
35,659.40	Shell†	1076	+4	4.3	18.0
12,274.20	Total	5000½	+221½	1.8	20.7
28.30	XCL	10	..	..	..

OTHER FINANCIAL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
79.70	Aberdeen Tst	91	..	4.4	12.7
1,930.50	Amvescap†	394	+1½	1.8	18.3
21.80	BWD	111	..	6.6	12.8
5.56	Berry Bch Nbl	86½	+..	2.6	14.0
194.50	Bistoc Inv	327½	-2½	..	..
43.10	Brewin Dolphin	188	+1	5.3	12.5
608.40	Caledonia	729½	+12	8.4	..
81.20	Camellia	2850	-58	1.7	12.8
158.50	Cater Allen	435	-7½	6.6	18.8
439.40	Cattles†	330	+1½	3.2	18.9
57.10	Charles Taylor†	195½	..	2.7	62.1
14.00	Christie	68½	..	..	72.8
580.20	Close Bros	470	+16½	2.8	17.3
71.70	EFT Group†	140	..	2.3	15.7
152.90	Efakt	534½	..	3.8	19.0
69.00	Exco†	56	-2	10.0	8.7
249.20	Garrard	349	+5	5.7	14.2
414.20	Hambros	238½	-3½	4.0	19.8
282.40	Henderson	1293½	-4	4.4	19.3
2.77	Investment Co	39½	..	2.6	..
69.60	Ivory Sime	219	..	4.9	15.0
2,280.80	Jardine Strat▼	214½	+..	4.2	..
29.50	Johnson Fry†	136	-8	3.7	8.6
26.80	Leopold J	490	..	3.0	29.0
1,358.30	Liberty Intl†	481	+16	4.2	29.8
418.50	Lon Forfaiting	405½	+..	3.5	15.0
150.30	London Pacific	214	-1	8.4	7.7
123.20	Lon Scot Bk	109	..	3.7	17.5
814.70	Man ED & F	179	-2½	7.2	9.6
971.10	M & G	1300	+12½	3.5	22.8
2,470.50	MAM	1350	+40½	3.8	22.6
135.70	Paragon	154½	+6½	1.8	7.5
747.30	Perpetual	2650	+60	2.7	19.6
7,580.80	Provident	587½	+19½	3.5	20.0
68.60	Rathbone Brst	315	..	4.6	12.7
23.30	Rea Brothers	47½	..	2.6	19.0

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,586.40	Brit Biotech	241½	-5	..	..
181.10	Celtech Pharms	582½	-5	..	..
449.50	Cortecs	581½	-23	..	..
347.60	Chiroscience	320½	-24	..	..
283.00	Cortex	273	+13½	..	..
42,452.80	Glaxo Wellt	1193½	+58	3.5	24.6
287.80	ML Laboratories	198½	-3½	..	51.9
1,060.90	Medeva†	286½	-1	2.0	..
114.60	Peptide Thera	320	-1	..	..
32.70	Proteus Intl	59½	+2	..	..
331.50	Scotia	480	+9	..	..
182.30	Shire Pharms	217	-2	..	..
208.80	SkyePharma	77	-2	..	..
27,426.00	SmithKline†	985½	+55	2.8	24.9
76.50	Therp Anti Inc	357½	-1	..	..
148.80	Vanguard	600	-2½	..	..
33.60	Xenova	381½	-50½	..	..
17,756.00	Zeneca†	1873	+62½	2.3	26.5

PRINTING & PAPER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
26.50	AG Holdings	120	-½	8.1	10.6
203.70	API	225	-10	1.9	23.1
15.90	App Holo	60	-½	..	..
1,486.60	Arjo Wiggins†	188½	-1	3.2	20.1
26.70	Aspen Comm	172	+1	4.5	..
48.00	Bath Press	21½	-½	2.6	11.7
179.60	Bemrose†	428½	-2	4.5	11.3
123.10	Blagden†	178	-12	1.9	13.6
998.20	Bowater Inc	2728½	+89½	..	..
283.40	Bowater Intl	284½	-3½	1.3	20.6
260.60	Br Polythene†	643½	-8	3.5	12.7
3.30	Br Thornton	20½	..	..	..
141.80	Bullion Grpt	102	-6	4.8	9.8
950.70	Bunzl†	211½	-8	3.7	13.0
84.90	Capital Indst	191½	..	3.7	..
29.80	Cropper (James)	358½	..	1.4	18.1
1,207.20	De La Rue	537½	-23½	5.6	13.7
6.48	Dalys Groupt	74½	..	8.4	14.8
57.70	Dolphin Packt	248½	-½	8.5	16.1
24.10	Fairway Group	88	-½	8.3	13.8
79.80	Ferguson Intl	195	-8½	8.5	19.4
41.80	Finlay	136½	..	3.2	10.4
52.30	Inveresk	90½	-11	7.3	38.2
100.10	Jarvis Porter	213½	-4	4.1	12.8
397.40	Low & Bonar	320	-20½	6.0	19.1
164.40	MY Holdings	121½	..	2.6	16.8
230.50	Macfarlane	182½	-1	2.8	18.2
24.20	Neto Gp	136½	+½	6.7	10.1
60.20	Photobition	587½	+81	1.5	28.1
69.60	Pippa?	167½	..	5.5	16.4
29.90	Porter Chadburn	24½	..	1.8	6.8
1,479.20	REXAM†	291½	-30½	8.8	28.9
321.60	St Ives Gpt	519½	-17	2.5	17.5
852.30	Singel	540½	-1½	3.0	..
1.49	Scott	2	..	..	..
73.20	Sidlaw	105½	-6	2.3	..
710.50	Smith David	224½	-8½	4.3	7.9
1,673.20	Smurfit (Jeff)	154½	-½	3.1	..
3.17	Sonic	159½	-11½	2.4	18.9
59.00	Vacot?	74½	-8½	6.0	..
323.80	Waddington	307½	-6	4.0	15.3
139.30	Watmough	378	-8½	4.7	12.7
68.00	Wyndham	198	+1½	8.1	15.4

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
54.80	Allied Lon†	70½	-½	6.4	11.4
265.30	Argent	430½	-11	2.6	18.7
109.00	Ards	[illegible]	..	..	..
10.30	Asbury Grp	[illegible]	..	..	..
141.40	Benchmark	228½	..	..	17.9
288.30	Bilton†	380½	+½	2.8	17.5
91.90	Baxby	387½	..	3.4	18.9
4.84	Belton Gp	[illegible]	..	..	..
28.80	Boston Bell	48½	-1	3.8	..
425.90	Bradford	340½	+1	3.8	22.8
2,752.80	Br Land	570½	+26	1.9	44.7
445.60	Brixton†	287½	+6	3.9	18.9
589.10	Burford†	100½	+1	2.1	47.4
143.80	CLS Hldgs	190	+½	4.6	15.1
108.60	Cap & Regal▼	113½	+6	3.6	20.2
1,584.60	Cap Shop Cent	388½	+30½	3.7	32.8
3.17	Cardiff Prop	208	-½	2.9	..
28.90	Carlisle	97	..	..	..
28.60	Calsey Intl	13½	..	..	30.8
621.40	Chelsfield	271½	+½	2.6	17.1
188.50	Chesterfield	425½	+5½	2.3	17.6
30.60	Chesterton Intl	179	+½	3.8	10.5
8.82	City Site Est	870	+1½	2.8	28.5
21.00	Clarland Tst	59½	..	..	24.5
24.50	CNC Props	48½	..	..	..
75.60	Compco	145	..	5.7	15.7
24.70	Cons Ptfdd	2	..	..	12.9
237.20	Daejan	1380	+4	1.5	18.9
4.53	Dyers Estates	43½	-1	..	..
32.10	Delancey Ests	108	..	3.0	18.0
17.30	Delancey Est	14½	..	1.2	..
32.50	Dencora	176	..	2.6	..
299.50	Derwent Hldgs†	449½	+1½	1.8	29.4
72.80	Development Sec	213	..	1.4	..
34.10	Dwyer	19	..	2.5	14.8
90.60	Edge Properties	145	..	..	..
31.40	Estates Agency	160	..	3.1	3.3
19.30	Estates Genl	120	..	3.4	6.0
149.20	Evans Of Leeds	178	+1	3.8	20.4
23.20	Ex-Lands Prop	85	+1½	5.2	..
23.30	Fecol Prop	105	..	4.7	18.2
25.90	Five Oaks	142½	-1½	3.7	15.4
3.22	Fletcher King	130½	+1	4.9	18.5
9.09	Folkes Group	55½	-½	2.6	14.4
19.50	Folkes Group 'A'	50	-½	3.6	16.8
271.20	Frogmore	284½	-1½	1.4	27.3
8.09	Golden Land Inv	55	..	4.9	14.4
74.50	Grainger	268	..	2.8	21.2
783.50	Gr Portland▲	229½	+3	3.4	28.7
215.40	Grantchester	224½	..	2.6	14.3
191.70	Greycoat	210½	..	3.7	34.8
493.20	Hamba Cntry	235	-1	2.5	12.3
1,280.40	Hammerson†	401	+19	3.1	32.3
38.50	Hampton Trust	27½	-1	3.6	..
71.90	Helical Bar	417	-7	2.5	17.3
49.20	Hemingway†	80½	-..	1.9	..
1.05	High-Point	3½	..	..	..
3,094.20	HK Land†	130½	..	3.2	..
24.50	Jermyn	188	..	1.8	30.3
7.24	Kleinwort	105	..	..	..
17.80	LSH	58½	..	..	..
31.10	Lands Impf	110½	-1	4.6	9.9
4,191.50	Land Secs	829½	+25½	4.1	29.3
51.70	London Intl	187	+½	1.4	24.7
28.65	Lon & Assoc	37½	..	3.1	..
2.27	Lon & Metro	8½	..	..	..
263.10	Lon Merch Sec	148½	-1	4.3	..
1,940.40	MEPC	484½	+4	3.8	21.8
52.50	McKay Secs	191½	-1	4.2	22.5
39.70	Malkin Mav	31½	-8	3.7	38.5
18.10	Mapco?	162½	..	4.2	38.5
30.50	Moorfield Est	27½	..	3.1	11.9
68.80	Mountview	1800	-37	2.1	27.5
129.10	Mucklow (A&J)	142½	..	6.1	14.6
2.32	GEM	39	-3	..	13.2
3.89	OBD	64½	..	..	..
18.00	Olives Prop	37	+½	2.1	..
214.90	PSIT	374	-1½	2.6	18.6
420.30	Peel	548½	+8	1.6	28.5
335.10	Pillar Prop	237	+12	2.8	59.7
28.70	Premier Land	38	-½	..	..
65.50	Quintain	140	-4	2.2	18.9
47.00	Raglan	27½	+1½	5.0	..
78.90	Regalian	43½	..	2.5	18.6
38.10	Rosehaugh Secs	312½	..	1.8	15.8
25.80	Rugby Est†	143½	..	2.1	18.6
80.10	St Modwen Prp	74½	+1	4.2	11.3
112.10	Savills Grds Hly	98	-1	6.6	15.7
52.50	Savills	124½	-1½	3.1	15.1
112.90	Scot Met	85½	-2	4.2	13.4
184.50	Shaftesbury	182½	-1	1.4	29.6
1,237.80	Slough Estates	318½	+27½	3.8	22.9
22.70	Smart (J)	225	-7½	6.2	8.4
23.30	Speyhawk	111	..	2.8	75.7
355.80	TBI	80½	..	1.6	23.7
67.70	Tops Ests	149	-6	1.6	41.2
116.90	Town Centre	90	-½	5.0	14.4
102.20	Trafford Park†	149½	-8½	3.1	20.2
14.70	UK Land	113½	-1½	4.4	38.1
118.80	Warner	231½	+1½	6.6	15.1
87.80	Warnford	222½	-1½	4.2	18.1
185.60	Wates	95	..	..	..
1.45	Wellway Mill	22	..	..	..
6.65	Wood John D	128½	..	8.6	18.8

RETAILERS, FOOD

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3,511.30	ASDA Group	118½	..	2.8	15.8
280.50	Brake Bros	682	..	2.6	18.8
66.10	Budgens	40½	..	4.0	9.3
8.61	Cullens	27½	..	3.1	..
805.20	Dairy Farm Intl†	48	+2	6.1	6.9
114.10	Farepak	487½	..	2.3	18.6
127.50	Fitzwilton	60½	..	5.5	..
253.70	Fyffes	105½	..	2.8	..
200.70	Greggs†	4745	+20	2.7	18.1
240.10	Iceland Group†	91	..	7.4	5.6
465.40	Kwik Save	301	-4	4.8	10.1
1,189.80	Morrison (W)†	165½	+1½	1.3	16.6
87.20	Park Foods	54	-½	6.9	13.4
2.04	Regina Hlth	7	..	..	..
3,639.40	Safeway	394½	-10	4.8	12.9
6,207.00	Sainsbury J	341½	-16	4.5	14.0
544.90	Somerfield	180½	..	9.2	7.1
7,630.00	Tesco†	360	-4	3.6	15.0
135.20	Thorntons	230½	..	2.8	..
184.20	Watson & Philip	420½	-11	5.1	12.0

RETAILERS, GENERAL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
115.90	Alexon	199½	+2½	..	13.7
187.70	Allders	174	-6	4.4	..
225.00	Allied Carpets†	249½	-..	1.3	20.9
1,814.80	Argos†	685	-26½	3.1	19.5
251.80	Ashley (Laura)	105½	-½	1.2	..
79.30	Austin Reed	225½	..	3.5	..
84.50	Beattie (J)	157	+1½	5.4	..
60.70	Beralds	144½	+5	2.4	..
124.60	Bettaware	116	-8½	4.1	..
168.90	Blacks Leis	586	+39½	0.7	38.0
367.80	Body Shop	190	+2	2.5	17.8
6,391.80	Boots	705½	+15½	3.4	18.8
14.60	Brown & Jackson	32	..	..	..
602.20	Burton (W)	412½	-3	2.1	23.9
2,228.00	Burton	153½	+1½	2.3	19.7
382.10	Carpetright	480	+39½	4.3	38.9
803.20	Charles Tyrwhitt	381½	+11	2.0	23.8
55.50	Church†	500	-5	3.9	15.8
44.10	Clinton Cards†	256	-1½	3.3	12.4
18.10	C'try Casuals	95	-1½	2.2	..
331.80	Coats Forstr	540	+2½	4.7	23.8
384.20	DFS Furniture	556½	+6	2.4	25.3
2,280.70	Dixons Grp	521½	+17½	2.1	19.5
77.70	Etc Boutique	29½	+3½	..	..
5.86	ERA Gp	4½	+½	2.6	..
6.51	Essex Furn	71½	-3½	7.2	..
82.20	Etam	123	-8½	1.3	..
284.80	Fine Art Dev	254½	-½	8.1	8.1
6.13	Finel Exist	157½	-1	1.8	17.8
77.30	Flying Flw Ult	328	+8½	1.6	22.2
12.10	Footsfair	125	+12½	2.5	..
58.00	French Connt	315	..	1.1	17.2
114.10	Frost Group	121½	-3½	7.3	9.2
10.80	Gieves	47½	-½	5.9	11.1
62.10	Goldsmiths Gp	343½	+5	2.5	17.7
6,873.80	GUS	684	+22½	3.2	17.4
132.10	H&C Furnishing	245½	+6	2.0	33.0
72.30	Hamleys	317	-3½	3.5	..
11.40	Hampden Grp	74½	..	4.1	10.8
380.00	Hse of Fraser†	170	+½	4.0	..
17.20	Hughes (TJ)	85½	-2½	4.5	..
409.50	JJB Sports	455	-26½	1.2	..
4,663.70	Kingfisher†	684	+27½	3.4	18.7
37.00	Kingsbury Grpt	149	-5	3.2	11.0
81.90	Liberty	362½	..	0.6	..
60.50	Lowelight	80½	-3	..	43.2

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
175.80	Rutland Tst†	56½	+½	3.8	14.9
22.40	SEC Group	135½	-8½	4.4	12.1
44.40	S & U	376	-46½	6.2	..
2,397.10	Schroders†	1507½	+20	1.6	17.3
631.10	Schroders NVt	1402½	+37½	1.8	15.3
82.10	Secure Tst	547½	+7½	4.6	12.4
278.70	Singer & Friedt	138	+1½	4.2	12.0
5.93	Torey Lax	38½	..	..	..
2.90	Trio Hldgs	3	..	..	..
20.70	Unles	78	+½	2.4	..
28.40	Walnut	339	..	4.8	15.5

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
802.40	MFI	136	..	4.2	18.2
14,033.20	Marks Spencer	483	-3½	3.8	18.5
250.50	Menzies (John)	481	+1	3.7	12.0
19.80	Merchant Retail	22	..	..	27.2
243.40	Moss Bros†	375	..	..	..
2,449.70	Next	655	+1½	2.8	28.8
7.35	Oliver (G)	29½	..	..	..
283.60	Owen Owen Inf?	474	..	3.3	14.8
15.60	Partridge Fine	70½	-2	5.5	13.7
15.00	QS Hldgs	38	+1½	..	..
118.10	Rosebys†	288½	..	3.3	16.2
1,175.90	Sears	77	+½	6.7	18.5
102.60	Signet Group	35	-½	..	..
1,390.10	Smith WH	470½	+24	3.2	..
324.00	Sothebys	985	-25	2.8	..
397.60	Storehouse	213	-17½	4.4	14.2
68.40	Style	115	+½	8.6	..
132.90	T & S Stores†	184½	-1½	5.3	11.0
736.40	Thorn	170	-1	6.8	13.1
59.10	Tie Rack	151	-4½	2.2	..
6.90	Upton & Sth	4	..	..	18.8
3,007.00	Vendome	517	+4½	2.5	18.2
25.40	WEW Group	17½	-1½	..	14.8
135.30	Wickes	179	+20	..	..
15.30	Wld of Leather	129½	..	1.9	27.3
114.20	Wyevale	233½	-13	2.9	21.3

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,371.80	ADT	1085	+50	..	..
385.60	AEA Tech	482	-8½	1.9	22.3
183.80	Alpha Airpts	108½	+1	6.2	..
17.80	Alphameric	47½	-1½	..	18.2
287.00	Atkins WS	332	+2½	2.6	22.7
32.00	BPS Hire?	88½	..	6.1	7.5
119.00	BPP†	442½	+2½	3.7	39.3
33.10	BSM†	198½	-23	8.8	5.8
551.20	BTG	685	-20	8.8	..
11.20	Bards Servic?	97½	..	5.0	13.3
242.50	Business Post	476	+19½	2.5	24.9
722.10	CMG†	1120½	-17½	0.7	41.6
326.40	CRT Grp	239	-3	2.3	28.9
19.80	Calat Gp	327½	-27½	1.4	6.8
438.50	Capita Group†	285½	+6	0.8	50.1
2.76	Chantrk?	6½	..	2.8	35.2
1,260.50	Christie Intl	461	+16	2.5	27.5
272.90	Cray Electronics	164½	..	3.4	15.5
22.50	Crown Quality	45½	-1	6.5	14.1
42.80	DCS Gp	312½	-3	0.6	25.6
359.70	Davis Service	281	+4½	4.9	14.5
230.40	Delphi†	380	-1½	0.9	24.3
99.20	Diagonal	320	..	..	41.8
29.20	Dialog Justin?	218½	+2	8.2	28.5
3.55	DW Bros	52½	..	4.8	..
19.50	EI Data Prc	78½	-4	3.9	10.9
157.90	FI Group	537½	+48	1.0	43.8
2,317.30	Hays†	557	-1	1.9	23.1
184.80	Hogg Robinson	209	-10½	5.5	9.8
263.80	JBA Hldgs	832½	+32½	0.8	..
149.30	Johnson Cleaners	282½	+2½	5.2	11.8
24.40	Kalamazoo	88½	-16	8.4	8.6
77.80	Kewill Sys	611	+21	1.8	16.7
9.18	Leon-Scn?	28½	-1	..	46.8
67.00	Lavendon?	287½	-1	1.6	20.8
21.40	Leigh	114	..	4.3	..
554.20	Logica	639	-20	1.2	36.8
101.80	Lynx Hldgs	164	+6	2.1	19.4
44.30	MDIS	42½	..	..	..
88.30	MMT Comp	382½	+4	1.9	23.2
50.80	MR Group	91	..	4.8	16.1
79.30	Macro 4	401½	+7½	7.2	11.1
43.20	Manganese Alloy	58½	-..	1.3	..
207.30	Micro Focus	1355	+42½	..	..
68.30	Microgen	175	-2½	3.6	71.8
1,076.80	Misys	1245	+38½	1.1	28.3
112.50	MITIE Gp	173½	+6½	1.3	25.1
16.70	Nass Group	94½	+..	6.4	8.6
26.80	Oriel	97	..	3.3	13.9
189.80	P & P†	228	+4	2.0	17.2
385.90	Page (Michael)	242½	..	2.1	17.3
248.30	Parity†	339	+18½	1.0	32.3
22.80	Pegasus	336½	-3½	2.8	18.1
14.50	Pellco	38½	..	1.9	..
98.80	Photo-Me	421	-8½	8.2	16.1
79.80	Procalloid	25	..	..	..
24.20	RCO	328	-1	8.4	28.3
44.80	RPS Group†	123	..	3.3	20.8
14.80	Radius	54½	..	3.2	13.1
15.49	Red Tree	28	-1½	2.8	18.8
68.40	Renco	91	..	2.8	18.1
72.20	Reed Executive	417½	+8	2.4	18.8
28.20	Reliance Sec	112	+5	7.3	21.8
3,795.50	Rentokil Ini	483½	-4	0.8	24.2
82.10	Ricardo Group†	235	+4½	1.5	28.8
40.50	Robert Walters	179½	+5	1.4	16.5
38.40	Rolfe & Nolan	225½	..	1.5	34.1
880.00	Sage Gp	458	+19	0.5	34.5
673.30	Salvesen (C)	280½	+14	4.3	13.0
58.40	Sanderson	125	..	3.1	18.3
225.20	Select Appl	127	..	1.6	20.2
27.40	Seven Gp	727½	-20½	0.6	28.8
412.50	Serco Gp	873½	+3	1.8	34.7
287.30	Shanks & McEwan	111½	+1½	2.1	20.3
22.70	Shared Intl	65½	-½	2.4	18.8
80.30	Skillstay	203½	..	..	..
184.80	Sold-Plant	305½	-1½	1.0	18.8
28.70	Stenoflope?	248½	..	7.6	14.6
18.00	Tomx Grprt	100½	-40	..	..
24.80	WSP Groupt	225	..	4.1	14.1
67.30	Warner Howard	176	..	3.6	15.1
516.90	Waste Mgt Intl	261½	..	4.2	18.9
10.20	Wilds Recruit	176	..	..	..
32.80	Whatchmark Wolne?	149½	-1½	3.6	31.3

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
28,042.90	BT	450	+19½	5.0	14.1
16,543.90	Cable Wireless	526½	+17	2.6	17.2
71.10	Euro Telecom	188½	-1	..	..
612.40	General Cable	195	-1½	..	..
887.70	NYNEX Cable	138½	..	..	..
2,805.70	Orange	216½	-1½	..	..
1,764.00	Securicor	1185½	..	0.7	28.6
397.20	Telewest	89½	..	..	..
5,431.50	Vodafone	279	+5	2.0	24.9

TEXTILES & APPAREL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
13.90	Albion	60	..	4.5	..
18.50	Alexon W	90	-1	8.1	..
333.30	Allied Text	578½	-5	8.1	8.0
138.50	Baird (Wm)	175	-5½	5.7	16.7
24.00	Bridgend Group	120	..	4.4	7.6
15.50	Br Mohair	138½	..	5.1	7.8
101.40	Claremont Gp	92½	-1½	11.6	..
889.20	Coats Viyella	128½	..	5.5	16.7
382.50	Courtaulds Txtls	380	-1½	4.5	..
127.30	Dawson	148½	..	5.4	17.8
437.90	Desafllez?	302½	-3	5.3	14.4
3.71	Dibble Hadd	87½	..	6.3	7.8
4.05	Drummond	30½	..	2.7	10.4
6.69	Hogson?	37½	..	2.7	10.2
21.60	FII	155	..	8.1	..
1.20	Foster (John)	14	..	..	..
7.81	Frsch	43½	..	8.7	17.0
19.90	Gaell SR	134	-1	3.8	8.8
23.10	Higgs	170½	..	3.5	11.0
32.60	Hartstone	60½	..	4.0	..
105.10	Hicking Pnte	55½	..	2.8	18.2
7.30	Hollas	28½	..	..	..
2.14	Honeysuckle	39½	..	3.5	..
30.30	Ikorsc Gold	11½	..	..	5.4
13.20	Jacques Vert	26½	..	..	..
4.70	Jacques Grp	94	-1	8.1	11.7
55.60	Jonst Strobel?	21½	..	4.8	13.9
37.20	Lambert	105	..	7.8	10.5
6.50	Lerenco?	134	-½	11.5	13.7
51.80	Leeds	60½	-1	5.9	12.0
14.90	Leslie Ashton	141½	..	12.1	16.8
2.71	Lyles (S)	6	..	1.8	..
21.90	Mallett	102½	-½	6.8	19.8
6.04	PBK	31	..	..	5.8
23.90	Parkland	130	..	4.8	7.8
397.90	Pentland	107	-7½	4.3	17.9
21.90	Pittards	105½	..	4.0	7.9
38.10	Readicut	23½	-1½	11.3	11.0
3.07	Richards	38	..	7.5	..
2.27	SEET	35½	..	..	42.4
43.80	Sherwood Grp	45½	..	11.5	28.6
8.41	Smith	142½	..	2.9	..
33.80	Shirt?	62	..	11.1	9.8
37.50	Stirling Gp	39½	-2	7.8	8.2
5.98	UK Safety	14½	..	..	16.2
13.98	Unsaw (Fletcher)	489½	..	7.2	10.4
7.28	Wecoc?	97½	+4½	8.6	8.9
17.59	Yorklyde	154	+8	8.7	..

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	229	-31	3.8	13.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	389	+17½	0.4	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	274	+12½	3.5	14.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	132½	+3	3.1	15.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	316½	-1½	2.8	18.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	697½	-7½	2.8	12.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	8½	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	102½	..	3.1	8.1
[illegible]	Clyde?	131½	-5	4.6	9.8
[illegible]	Clydeport	369	-22½	4.2	11.4
[illegible]	Coach?	220½	-47	3.5	12.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	130½	..	5.7	13.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	70½	..	..	..
324.20	Eurotunnel Uts	195½	-19½	3.5	14.2
815.60	FirstBus	147	+6	2.3	16.6
70.90	Fisher (James)†	616	-8½	2.6	16.1
280.90	Forth Ports†	457½	-11½	1.8	17.8
220.10	Go-Ahead	488½	+3	2.4	10.8
253.60	Goode Durrant	114½	+5	0.9	14.0
18.70	Helphire Gp	599	+45	1.0	11.9
148.80	Irish Cont	101	..	2.3	30.0
55.70	Jacobs▼	81	+1½	..	..
66.50	Lon O'Seas Frts	413½	+2	3.3	18.5
376.30	Mersey Docks†	140	-4	5.3	15.1
376.30	NFC	502	-14½	2.8	17.7
505.50	Natl Express†	624½	+2	3.8	18.8
821.40	Ocean Group†	99½	+2	4.6	7.4
37.10	Ocean Wilson	608	+13	8.3	16.0
3,706.80	P & O Dfd†	109½	-2	4.3	..
73.00	P & O 5.5%	236½	-16	4.1	14.9
3,182.50	Railtrack (PP)	43½	..	8.3	20.9
11.80	Smcor	466	+5½	1.4	30.9
168.10	Sandum†	584½	+7	1.9	25.8
1,425.00	Stagecoach	109½	+7	5.9	11.6
58.40	TLS†	621½	+1	3.5	17.8
276.10	Tibbet & Britten†	180	..	8.2	14.4
289.70	TDG†	81	+8½	3.5	5.1
105.90	Upland	101½	-2	4.2	10.3
34.40	Utd Carriers†	[illegible]	..	..	..

WATER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,769.60	Anglian	658	-8	6.6	7.9
1,178.40	Hyder	827½	-4	6.2	11.5
219.90	Hyder Con Pd	100½	+2½	3.3	..
98.20	Mid Kent Hldgs	582½	-2½	6.8	8.4
2,602.70	Severn Trent	741½	-28	5.7	8.2
163.90	South Staffs	2777½	..	3.7	19.8
698.10	South West	582½	+22½	5.9	7.7
2,381.70	Thames	668	-8½	5.7	8.7
3,430.70	Utd Utilities	648	-22½	6.0	11.6
780.50	Wessex	382½	-21½	5.5	7.2
1,338.70	Yorkshire	338	-6	5.6	8.5

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6.35	Abacus Recruit	102½	..	0.8	38.8
5.00	Cedar Inns	175	..	1.7	13.5
40.60	Country Gdns	208½	+1	1.0	19.6
130.30	Dawson-Hldgs	280	-2½	2.2	18.7
186.50	Freepages	41	+½	..	..
54.10	Megalomedia	82½	..	..	51.9
25.10	Memory Corp	39½	-3	..	..
84.30	Peters Gal	335	..	..	..
239.70	Rennee Egr	1017½	+15	0.1	..
174.20	Southern News	713	-37	1.2	38.3
14.30	Southern Vectis	124½	+2	3.3	15.6
38.60	Surrey Fr Inest	482½	+12½	0.7	32.0
169.90	Tracadero	37	-1	..	..

Source: FT Information

Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; ▲ Ex rights issue; ▼ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; * Figures of report awaited; ... No significant data; Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 index.

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Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)					
1,986	Treas 7% 1997	100½	..	6.98	6.25
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	100½	-½	8.59	6.18
830	Exch 15% 1997	104	-½	14.42	6.29
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	102½	..	9.54	6.42
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	100½	..	7.21	6.50
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	107½	-½	13.04	6.68
905	Treas 15½% 1998	111½	..	13.98	6.73
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	107½	+½	11.18	6.77
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	104½	+½	9.12	6.81
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	109½	+½	11.20	6.88
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	109½	+½	9.93	6.79
6,950	Treas 6% 1999	98½	+½	6.10	6.84
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	107½	+½	9.53	6.90
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	105	+½	8.57	6.90
9,800	Treas 8% 2000	103	+½	7.77	7.09
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	116½	+½	11.14	7.05
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	109½	+½	9.14	7.10
12,750	Treas 7% 2001	99½xd	+½	7.03	7.10
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)					
8,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	111½	+1½	8.78	7.21
8,600	Treas 8% 2003	102½	+1½	7.78	7.20
2,593	Treas 10% 2003	113½	+1½	8.86	7.27
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	114½	+½	10.04	7.11
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	84½	+1½	4.12	6.85
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	112½	+1½	8.45	7.29
6,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	97½	+1½	6.96	7.28
10,373	Treas 8½% 2005	107½	+1½	7.90	7.35
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	112½	+1½	8.43	7.35
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126½	+1½	9.87	7.29
11,700	Treas 7¾% 2006	100½	+1½	7.44	7.37
4,000	Treas 7¾% 2006	102½	+1½	7.58	7.40
2,050	Treas 8% 2002-06	102	+1½	7.84	7.40
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120½	+1½	9.74	7.27
7,397	Treas 8½% 2007	107½	+2½	7.90	7.41
5,080	Treas 7¼% 2007	98½	+2½	7.32	7.27
5,621	Treas 9% 2008	111½	+2½	8.06	7.45
3,450	Treas 8% 2009	104	+2½	7.69	7.49
LONGS (over 15 years)					
4,750	Treas 6¼% 2010	89½	+2½	7.02	7.54
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	112½	+2½	7.99	7.53
5,360	Treas 9% 2012	112½	+2½	7.97	7.56
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	83½	+2½	6.59	7.31
6,100	Treas 8% 2013	104½	+2½	7.69	7.55
808	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	101½	+2½	7.63	7.57
13,787	Treas 8% 2015	104½	+2½	7.65	7.53
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	112½	+3½	7.81	7.57
11,300	Tr 8% 2021	107½	+3½	7.41	7.53
UNDATED					
1,909	War Ln 3½%	45½	+1½	7.86	...
475	Treas 2½%	31½	+½	7.84	...
359	Consols 4%	50½	+1½	7.86	...
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:				10%	5%
800	Treas IL 4½% 1998	114½	+½	...	2.17
2,150	Treas IL 2½% 2001	180½	+1½	2.85	3.28
2,300	Treas IL 2½% 2003	182½	+1½	2.94	3.36
1,150	Treas IL 4¾% 2004	118½	+½	3.05	3.40
2,560	Treas IL 2% 2006	192½	+1½	3.16	3.46
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2009	173½	+2½	3.25	3.50
2,950	Treas IL 2½% 2011	178½	+2½	3.31	3.53
3,400	Treas IL 2½% 2013	147½	+1½	3.35	3.55
3,408	Treas IL 2½% 2016	157½	+2½	3.40	3.58
3,350	Treas IL 2½% 2020	150½	+2½	3.47	3.62
3,408	Treas IL 2½% 2024	124½	+2½	3.49	3.62
1,300	Treas IL 4½% 2030	122½	+2½	3.48	3.62

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US in line for cheap phone calls

By Our City Staff

THE US Federal Communications Commission is near agreement on a plan designed to offer consumers the largest cut in long-distance phone rates ever, its chairman says.

The plan would reduce by $1.7 billion the fees that long-distance carriers pay local phone companies to use their networks.

AT&T, the biggest long-distance carrier, has promised to pass on all of the savings to all its customers, with rate cuts of 5 per cent to 15 per cent. "That is the key that unlocks the door," said Reed Hundt, FCC chairman.

FCC officials must also find an additional $2 billion to $3 billion a year to hook up schools, libraries and hospitals to the Internet computer network. The agency is due to vote on the plan next week.

Agency officials said the latest breakthrough came after AT&T agreed to pass to consumers all the savings it receives from a cut of at least $1.7 billion in the yearly $23 billion that long-distance companies pay local carriers.

Previous access-rate cuts have been passed on only to business users and residential customers on special calling plans.

Adam Jones follows what proved to be a false trail in the mining industry

Investors bought a gilded picture

The allegation that thousands of mineral samples were doctored to suggest the existence of an enormous gold deposit in Indonesia is just one twist in an improbable tale that has already seen the death of a geologist in mysterious circumstances. Unsurprisingly, the story has already attracted film makers.

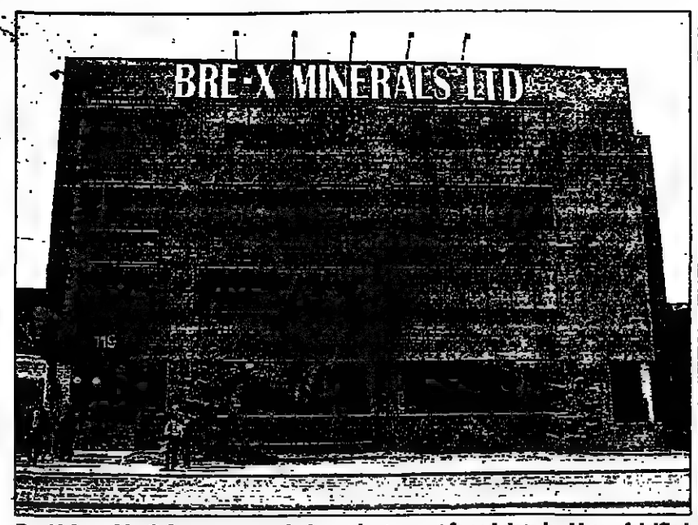
Bre-X Minerals was founded in 1989 by David Walsh, who had previously worked for a stockbroking house. In 1993, he and his wife went bankrupt after amassing credit card debts of US$43,000. As a last-ditch venture, he raised US$80,000 for the option to buy 15,000 hectares of land in Busang, a rain forest area on the island of Borneo.

Mr Walsh was convinced that Borneo held easily-recoverable gold deposits in its volcanic rock.

The Busang site belonged to Montague Gold, an Australian company 49 per cent owned by Waverley Mining Finance, based in Edinburgh. It later won an extra US$6 million from Bre-X, while optimism was still high.

In October 1995, Bre-X announced that Busang could contain more than 30 million ounces of gold. This estimate was revised upwards before Bre-X transferred its listing from Alberta to the Toronto Stock Exchange in April 1996.

The gold expectations grew to 47 million ounces and the stock soared to C$26.80 (£11.80) in September, from just a couple of dollars a year earlier. By December, the land was said to hold more than 57 million ounces of gold. But Bre-X was pressed by the Indonesians into diluting its holding by taking on a partner and giving the Government a cut, leaving it with just 45 per cent. It also faced a US$1.5 billion lawsuit from Jusuf Merukh, an Indonesian who claimed a share of the gold. His company has a strategic alliance with Australia's Golden Valley Mines, run by Warren Beckwith.



Bre-X, based in Calgary, says an independent report found data had been falsified

Beckwith: in dispute with Bre-X

By February 1997, Bre-X said there could be as much as 200 million ounces of gold at Busang. Such a haul could have been worth tens of billions of dollars in profit. Then on March 19, Michael de Guzman, a 43-year-old Filipino and Bre-X's chief geologist at the site, fell to his death from a helicopter flying over the jungle.

Rumours began circulating that de Guzman, who owned shares in Bre-X, had been murdered. The Indonesian authorities supected suicide, saying he had been diagnosed as suffering from terminal hepatitis B. His family deny this, saying he had passed a medical examination in Singapore.

A body, partially eaten by animals, was found several days later and identified as de Guzman's because of the jeans it was wearing. The autopsy was delayed and the family only received the body two weeks later, fuelling further speculation.

Two days after de Guzman's death, an Indonesian newspaper reported that there was a discrepancy between Bre-X's assessment of the find and that of its new development partner, Freeport McMoRan.

Bre-X subsequently admitted that the find may have been overstated. The shares, already traumatised, were suspended.

When trading resumed, the stock lost 80 per cent, or US$2.1 billion of its market value. Shareholders began filing class actions against the company and its officials, and Indonesia's top mining official was sacked.

To resolve the controversy, ore from Busang was sent to Strathcona Mineral Services for testing. Its damning report was published yesterday and it concluded that the amount of tampering and falsification was "without precedent in the history of mining anywhere in the world".

Insurance against sabotage

By Oliver August

AN increase in the number of blackmailers trying to extort cash from companies by poisoning food products has spawned the first comprehensive insurance against sabotage as well as accidental contamination.

A Lloyd's policy, called Total Recall, protects companies against losses associated with food scares. It is offered by the Beazley and Cassidy Davis syndicates.

David Nicholson, of Beazley, said: "Total Recall covers not only the accidental risks which are within the control of the insured and their suppliers, but also deliberate contamination outside the insured's control by extortionists, disgruntled employees, pressure groups and others."

The policy comes too late for an Australian company that had to withdraw its biscuits in February. The withdrawl was forced by an extortionist alleging corruption among New South Wales police. The biscuits stayed off the shelves for 12 days, estimates of the cost between £7.5 million and £20 million.

The upper limit on the Lloyd's policy is £15 million.

The Scottish Provident Institution

The 159th Annual General Meeting of members of the Scottish Provident Institution will be held on Tuesday 27 May 1997 at 12 noon in the Caledonian Hotel, Princes Street, Edinburgh, to consider the Accounts and Balance Sheet and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors, to elect Directors, to determine the remuneration of the Directors and to elect the Auditors.

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from this address.

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CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6180 (-0.0050)
German mark
2.7964 (-0.0013)
Exchange index
99.7 (Same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2907.4 (+45.4)
FTSE 100
4455.6 (+85.9)
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7071.20 (+332.33)
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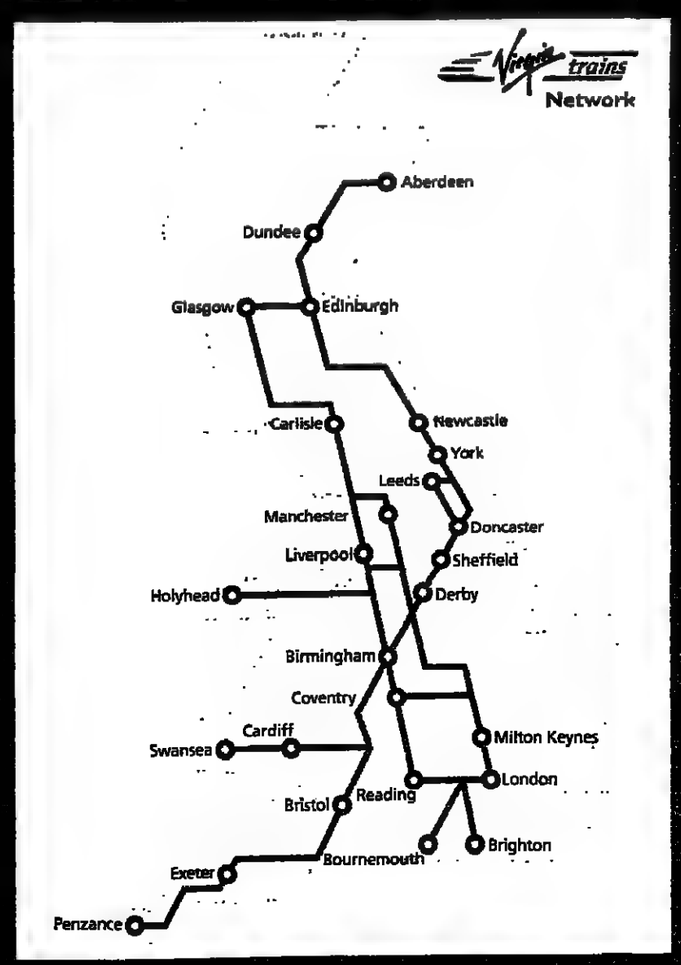

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: British Petroleum (q1), Colt Telecom Group (q1), Eldridge Pope & Co, Network Technology. **Finals:** Aminex, Lambert Smith Hampton, *Linton Park*, Warnford Investments. **Economic statistics:** April provisional M0 money supply, March housing starts, April CBI *regional trends survey*, April CIPS services sector index, US March factory orders, US Treasury announces size of short-term T-bills, API weekly oil supply statistics.

TOMORROW

Interims: *Bellway*, British Sky Broadcasting, Northern Venture Trust, Royal Bank of Scotland, Tate & Lyle, Jos Holdings, Murray Enterprise, Northern Venture, *Willis Corroon*. **Finals:** James Beattie, Fleming Far Eastern, J Sainsbury, Securities Trust of Scotland, Whitbread. **Economic statistics:** March industrial, manufacturing output, monthly monetary meeting (provisional date), US Q1 labour productivity, *US March consumer credit*, EU February trade balance, Bank of France monetary policy council meeting.

THURSDAY

Interims: Avon Rubber, Glasgow Income Trust, Kwik Save, Wigmore Property Trust. **Finals:** Body Shop International, Oxford Molecular, Silentnight Holdings, Undervalued Assets Trust. **Economic statistics:** March new construction orders, *SMMT April* new car registrations, Italy January retail sales, US department stores sales results for April.

FRIDAY

Interims: VTR. **Finals:** Audax Properties, Northern Ireland Electricity, Prowting, Value & Income Trust. **Economic statistics:** CBI April distributive trades survey.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.15	1.98
Austria Sch	20.51	18.97
Belgium Fr	60.42	55.76
Canada $	2.344	2.169
Cyprus Cyp£	0.868	[illegible]
Denmark Kr	11.14	10.31
Finland Mkk	[illegible]	8.19
France Fr	9.81	9.09
Germany Dm	2.94	2.71
Greece Dr	457	430
Hong Kong $	13.23	12.10
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.13	1.05
Israel Shk	5.78	5.13
Italy Lira	2921	2699
Japan Yen	218.10	201.60
Malta	0.656	0.599
Netherlands Gld	3.310	3.036
New Zealand $	2.46	2.26
Norway Kr	12.02	11.14
Portugal Esc	291.00	270.50
S Africa Rd	7.87	6.95
Spain Pta	245.50	228.00
Sweden Kr	13.36	12.33
Switzerland Fr	2.51	2.31
Turkey Lira	225108	210080
USA $	1.711	1.577

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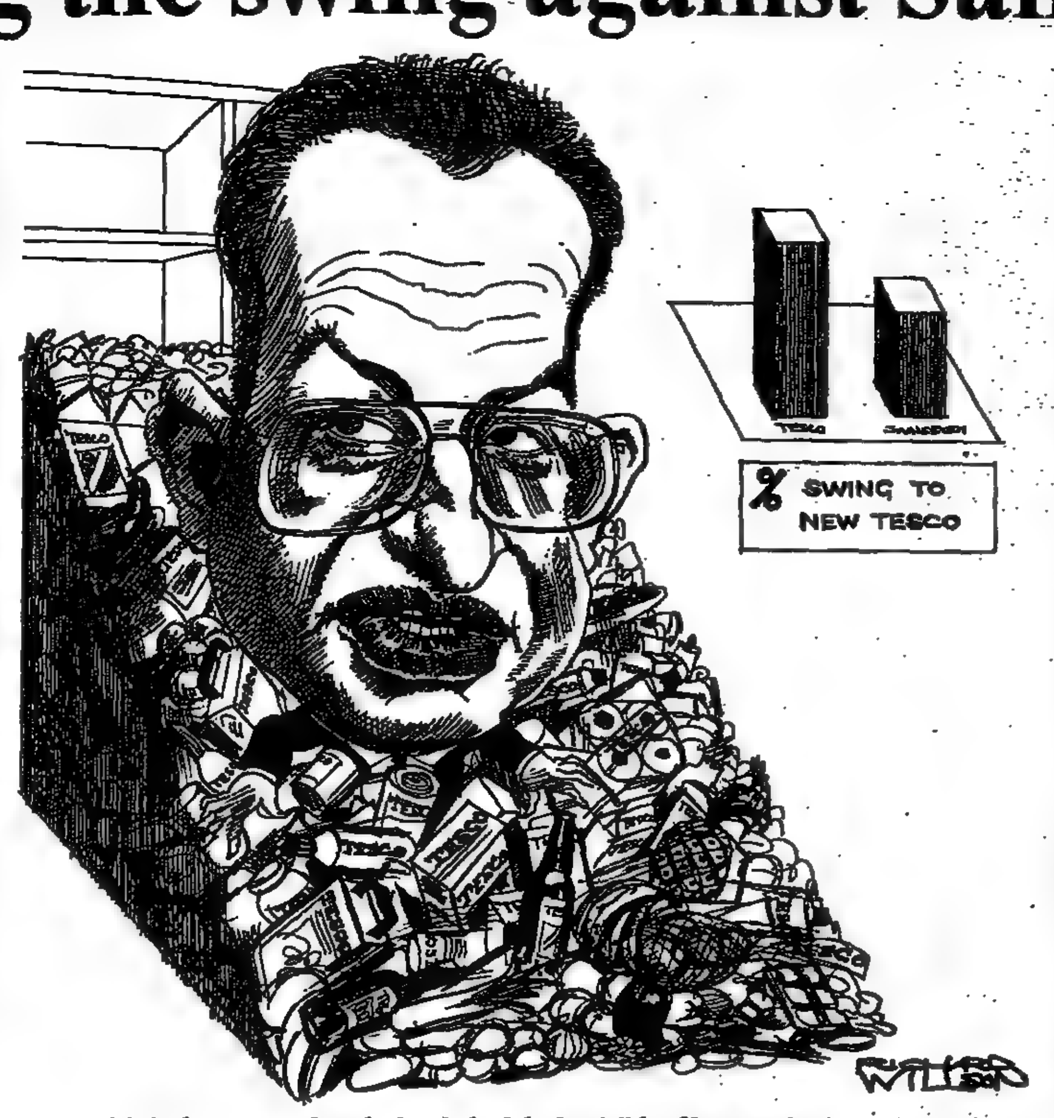
COMPANIES MICHAEL CLARK

Scaling the swing against Sainsbury



David Sainsbury must show he has halted the landslide of Tesco gains in market share

J SAINSBURY: After January's profits warning few surprises are expected when the group unveils full-year figures tomorrow. Sainsbury has already carefully steered analysts towards a final pre-tax profit number of between £640 million and £650 million, before *Texas integration costs*, compared with last year's £764 *million*. That is a fall of 15 per cent, with earnings down 16 per cent from 27.8p to 23.3p.

NatWest Securities warns that it may still be too early to talk in terms of a recovery, but close attention will be paid to margins for signs of stability.

The group, headed by David *Sainsbury*, *may have halted the* erosion of market share, but there will need to be firm evidence that like-for-like sales have continued to improve without inflicting further damage on margins.

The payout is expected to be pegged at 12.1p net.

BRITISH PETROLEUM: A strong performance is expected from the oil company when it unveils first-quarter figures today, *with net income likely to* grow by around 14 per cent from £629 *million to £715 million*. This follows a disappointing fourth quarter for 1996, with earnings failing to match expectations.

Such a performance would be all the more remarkable when taking into account the decline in the oil price during the period of around $2.50 a barrel.

BP's performance during the past year has closely tracked *movements of spot oil prices*, although in the past few weeks it *has done somewhat better.*

The net payout is expected to climb by 1p to 5.25p.

WHITBREAD: The benefits of the group's expansion plans will start to make themselves apparent when the group unveils full-year figures tomorrow.

They are likely to show pre-tax profits up from £283.1 million to £320.1 million, an increase of 13 per cent, with earnings a share 15 per cent *higher* at 48.8p. A solid performance is expected from the *leisure division, which includes* the likes of David Lloyd, where *money has been spent on a* programme of new openings.

The improvement in sales mix across all parts of the business will also have provided scope to improve margins. But the City will also want to hear that there has been a better return on capital. Shareholders are likely to see an 8 per cent increase in payout, from 21.85p to 23.65p.

BRITISH SKY BROADCASTING: The City eagerly anticipates news of the satellite broadcaster's plans to roll out digital services when it reveals its third-quarter and nine-month results tomorrow.

Sky, *which is 40 per cent* owned by News International, *owner of The Times, wants to set* up a company with British *Telecom, Midland Bank and* Matsushita that would subsidise *the retail prices of the digital set-top boxes.*

Unless this company, known internally as Isco, is launched soon, BSkyB will probably delay the start of digital broadcasting until next year. Analysts expect nine-month pre-tax earnings of about £214 million, compared with £178 million previously. Increased programming costs, however, are expected to squeeze margins.

TATE & LYLE: Problems at Staley, where profits will have virtually halved, and the fallout from high fructose corn syrup prices will overshadow half-year figures tomorrow.

A downturn in operating profits in *Europe, North America* and the rest of the world will leave profits at the pre-tax level down 21 per cent at £129 million compared with £191.2 million last time. Earnings per share will be down around 20 per cent, from 21.9p to 17.5p. Even so, brokers are banking on a small increase in the payout, from 5.3p to 5.6p. Currency fluctuations are also expected to have a negative impact on the final outcome, particularly in Europe.

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND: A wide ranging mix of businesses from global custody and shipping interests to retail banking and Direct Line are expected to contribute to an *estimated 20 per cent rise in half*-time profits to around £360 *million tomorrow*.

The dramatic fall in profits from Direct Line Insurance in recent times has been more than offset by the growth of other businesses, according to the banking team at Credit Lyonnais Laing. CLL points to the 57 per cent profits rise at Citizens, the US subsidiary, which was helped by the $710 million merger with First New Hampshire, and adds that UK retail banking should produce above average profits growth.

NORTHERN IRELAND ELECTRICITY: Full-year figures on Friday will be overshad*owed by regulatory problems*. After agreeing a less than expected 25 per cent reduction in tariffs, there is now speculation about a judicial review after the rejection by the Northern Ireland regulator of recommendations made by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Brokers will want *to know what progress has* been made on cost cutting.

Pre-tax profits are expected to grow by a modest 6 per cent, from £107.4 million to £113.5 million, with earnings up from 58.8p to 63.1p. Shareholders will enjoy a 10 per cent increase in the payout to 21p.

KWIK SAVE: Half-year figures on Thursday *will reflect* the ravages of trying to hold the *middle ground in food retailing*. Taking on the market leaders, while also trying to retain market share as the discounters continue to nibble away at margins, will have exacted a toll.

Pre-tax profits are expected to be down by about £4 million, at £40 million, on turnover also slightly down. But the damage to earnings is likely to be less severe, with a decline of just 1 per cent to 18.3p envisaged.

The group has undertaken a five-year restructuring programme and brokers will no doubt be seeking an update. Meanwhile, it is hoped the group will have come up with a few novel ideas to boost margins and that the payout will be held at 6p.

BODY SHOP INTERNATIONAL: A return to the growth tack will be sought when full-year figures are unveiled on Thursday, with profits expected to be up from £32.7 million to £39 million. *Earnings should also have en*joyed some useful growth, from *9.8p to 12p, or 22 per cent.*

Behind the growth lies expansion in the *Far* East and the absence of further exceptional costs. But the most impressive factor wil be a near 50 per cent increase in the payout to 5p.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Brown debut fuels air of expectancy

An air of expectancy surrounds the economic agenda this week. The arrival of the new Chancellor finally clears the way for the long-predicted base rate rise. Gordon Brown is scheduled to have *his first monetary* meeting with Eddie George tomorrow and the market consensus *is that rates will rise* by a quarter of a point.

But Mr Brown, who will barely have got his feet under his desk at the Treasury, may be tempted to prove his inflation-fighting credibility by raising rates half a point. Or he could pass altogether this month, claiming he has not had time to assess the situation. All three scenarios look plausible when so *little is known* about Mr Brown's approach — except for *the promises to be tough on inflation.*

On the data front, Mr Brown will be *able to view the latest M0* and industrial production figures ahead of the meeting. The industrial production figures for March are expected to show that manufacturing output is accelerating, although at a much slower rate than the booming service sector, and with exports increasingly hurt by the pound.

MMS International, the economic forecasting company, predicts that on a monthly basis output should climb from *0.2 per cent to 0.5 per cent, while the* annual rate should increase from 1.8 per *cent to 2.1 per cent*. Overall, industrial output should rebound after March's 0.6 per cent decline and show a rise of 0.6 per cent due to a rebound in energy output.

Today M0, the narrow measure of money supply, should show a smaller monthly rise of 0.3 per cent in March against 0.5 per cent in February. Annual growth should fall from 6.4 per cent to 6.3 per cent. The CBI Distributive trends survey on Thursday should confirm the trend in robust consumer spending growth.

In Germany, the latest data is expected *to show that the gentle upswing is* continuing, with today's unemployment figures *registering a second successive* monthly fall.

ALASDAIR MURRAY

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Technology shares give Dow a boost

WALL STREET trading was boosted by a rally in high technologies shares that pushed the Dow Jones industrial average *up 5.22 points to* 7076.42 in early trading. On Friday the Dow rose 94.72 points. European markets look set to follow the US example today. Because of the softer-than-forecast economic data last week and a drop in the long bond yield, Wall Street analysts now expect that the Federal Reserve will not raise short-term interest rates again when its policy committee meets on May 20.

"Last week we saw a flip-flop in psychology towards interest rates by professional investors," Phil Roth, chief technical analyst at Dean Witter Reynolds, said.

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AT & T	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Amer Intl	122	[illegible]
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Southern to defend use of customer information

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, *INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT*

THE Data Protection Registrar and Southern Electric are this week poised for a showdown over the use of customer bases.

Southern Electric, along with Centrica — the renamed British Gas supply arm — and other regional electricity companies, have been served with preliminary enforcement notices by the data watchdog. They aim to stop cross-marketing of services to lists of existing customers.

Southern Electric, the only independent regional electricity company, will try to persuade the registrar to change her mind at a meeting on Friday. If it is unsuccessful it will seek a data protection tribunal. A spokesman said: "We will present a strong case as to why we shouldn't have to stop paid-for advertising from a subsidiary appearing in the customer magazine."

Elizabeth France, the Data Protection Registrar, moved on Southern Electric over adverts appearing from its electrical contractor subsidiary in a magazine that goes out with the bills of the utility's 2.3 million customers. She has also targeted Centrica after it sent opt-out leaflets to its 19 million customers ahead of sending out a stream of information regarding other services offered by Centrica. The gas supplier has already met Ms France and has submitted evidence.

Other utilities are also believed to have received preliminary enforcement notices. These demand a response from the company within 28 days prior to enforcement notices prohibiting the information dissemination.

The clash between the utilities and the registrar will be watched closely by the industry. Data protection is seen as poorly defined and companies are keen to make the best use of their databases as competition develops in household gas and approaches in electricity.

Some regulators are in two minds. Anxious to protect customers from exploitation, they fear that the drive for competition will be undermined if cross-selling by utilities in other industries is banned.

Elizabeth France aims to stop utilities from cross-marketing services to existing customers as competition is stepped up

TGE sets its sights on stock market

TGE, a specialist engineering group made up of six businesses bought in 1995 from Meggitt, the aerospace to electronics company, is considering flotation after making pre-tax profits of £2.4 million on turnover of £47.2 million in its first year (Chris Ayres writes).

The company will today announce a $15 million contract won by its Ion Track Instruments, to supply explosive detection equipment to the US Federal Aviation Authority.

Regent Pacific sets out float details

BY ADAM JONES

REGENT PACIFIC, the emerging markets investment house, announced details of its partial flotation in Hong Kong yesterday, but remained tight-lipped about whether it will use some of the proceeds to pounce on the Hambros banking group.

Regent's HK$447 million (£35.3 million) placing and new issue values the company at HK$2.5 billion and aims to raise US$50 million to $55 million. Institutions have been told that the placing has been oversubscribed. A quarter of the shares are being offered to the public for subscription at HK$2.62 in Hong Kong. The public offer starts today and ends on Friday.

Regent Pacific owns nearly 4 per cent of Hambros, which had to apologise to the Co-operative Wholesale Society last week for its part in the abortive bid by Andrew Regan. Regent's chairman and chief executive, Jim Mellon, has described Hambros as a "fantastic break-up situation". He needs 10 per cent of the banking group to call an extraordinary meeting to put Regent's break-up plans to other shareholders. Sophia Shaw, marketing director, said: "We have made our feelings known previously. At the moment, we don't have any further comment. We are watching the developments with interest."

The proceeds of the offering, which will see management and staff holdings in the company cut from 41 per cent to 33 per cent of the enlarged capital, will expand corporate finance activities and new brokerage and fund management operations in eastern Europe, as well as funding a marketing drive. Regent's post-tax profits in the year to March 31 are expected to be US$31 million.

BSM fails to please investors on written test

BY FRASER NELSON

BSM, the motoring school, will this week come under fire from shareholders demanding to know how the company's management has failed to turn the written driving test to its advantage.

At its annual meeting on Friday, the company is also expected to defend its decision to defy corporate governance rules and give its directors three-year rolling contracts. This cost the company £350,000 when Paul Massey resigned as chief executive last year.

Some institutional shareholders will demand an explanation as to why the company has turned from enthusing about the test to blaming it for a 50 per cent meltdown in half-year profits in less than a year.

One said: "The basic logic of the matter is that BSM is the market leader in tuition for driving tests and should have found a way to benefit if the test becomes more difficult. At the very least, it should have done its homework to find out how the test will affect the market."

BSM, which has 20 per cent of the market, decided not to offer tuition for the tests and to publish a range of text books instead.

Richard Glover, who has succeeded Mr Massey, said last week that the company had not expected students to stay at home until they passed the theory exam, which has led to a 51 per cent decline in driving test applications.

Another of BSM's institutional shareholders said many in the City felt betrayed because the company billed itself as a reliable investment anchored to a steady and economically sheltered market.

BSM insists its market is bound to bounce back. But critical analysts said its plans to close 18 driving centres suggest it is preparing for a longer-term decline.

The Motor Schools Association, which represents Britain's 7,000 instructors, said that some of its members fear the test could shrink the market by up to a fifth.

Answers from page 28

PAREU

(c) A skirt worn by men and women in Polynesia, made of a single straight piece of cloth, usually of printed cotton. So *pareu cloth*, the cloth of which this and other Polynesian garments are made. The native Polynesian name. "To walk in the woods and hills of Papenoo was sheer pleasure, for there we wore only an airy pareu, and the temperature felt like a pleasant dream."

PONHAUS

(c) Pig's brawn or scrapple. From the German *pfanne* a frying pan + *hase* a rabbit. Therefore "pan rabbit" is the same sort of beast as "Welsh rarebit". "Originally, Ponhaus or scrapple was made from the head of the freshly killed porker, but good, fresh, lean pork of any cut may be used."

ROSELLA

(a) A brightly coloured seed-eating Australian parakeet belonging to the genus *Platycercus*. *Parrots of Australia*, 1966: "I rather feel that the Blue-cheeked is a very beautiful connecting link between Pale-headed and Northern Rosellas."

PSIONIC

(c) (The study of) the paranormal. Psi, the 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet, the Roman letter S. Hence (?) paranormal phenomena or faculties collectively. "Dr Lawrence, at the age of ninety, founded the Psionic Medical Society. This drew together homeopathy and radiesthesia."

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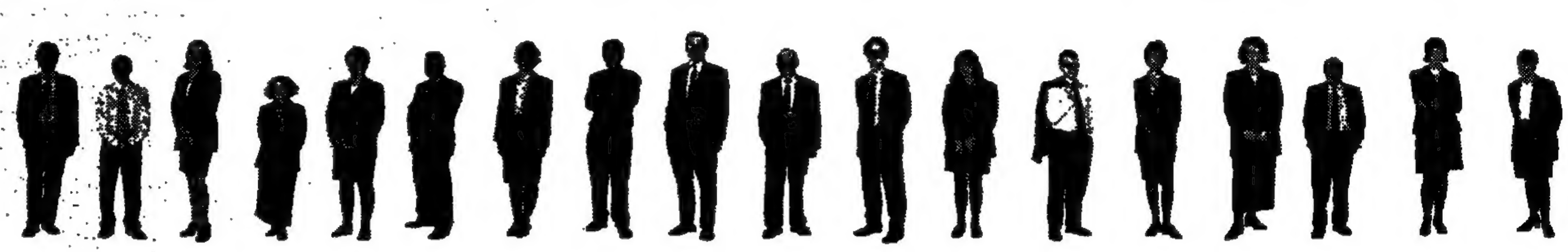

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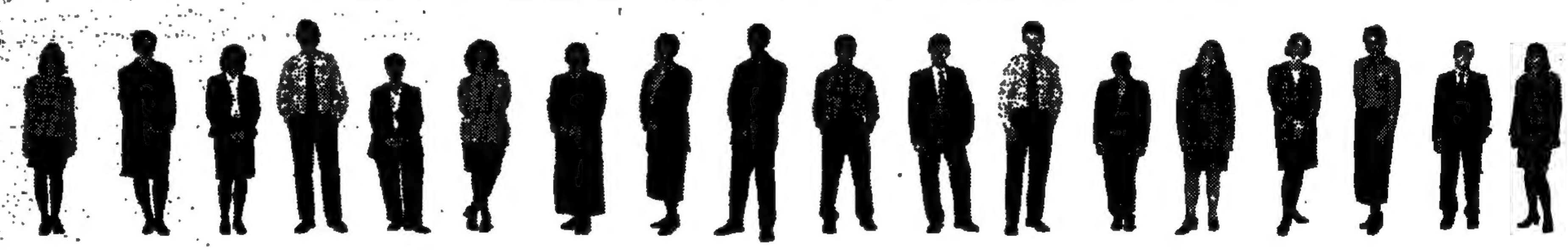

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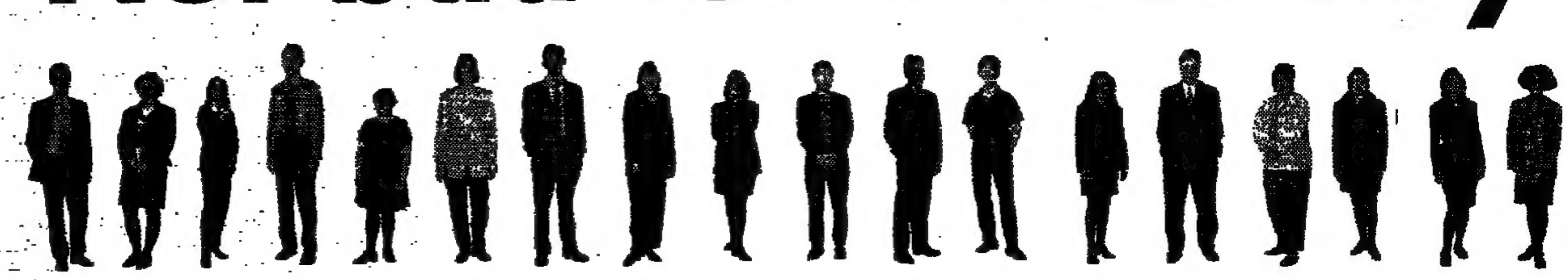

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Flightpath shows Prescott way to his model railway

Labour could seal a great deal with Railtrack, says Carl Mortished

The way things were: Richard Hannah, of UBS, says there was no golden age of state ownership for the railways

When the young Blair family closed the door to the cheering crowds in Downing Street on Friday, the warm "new Labour" glow of the smiling, new Prime Minister vanished from City dealing rooms. It was rapidly replaced by the gruff and distinctly "old Labour" face of John Prescott, Deputy Prime Minister and transport supremo. Dealers promptly marked Railtrack shares down 2 per cent, cutting the privatised rail network's value by £125 million.

The reaction is somewhat perverse. Publicly owned public transport is deeply embedded in the psyche of the once-socialist Labour Party. In power, however, Labour must do business with a company that took part in the destruction of one of the pillars of their old concept of society.

The temptation to tax the business, to constrain its management and to get revenge will be huge, but Labour has other priorities, chiefly an electorate desperate to see a reversal of decades of under-investment in Britain's infrastructure. If Mr Prescott the former shop steward can be persuaded to do business with the devil, then Mr Prescott the Deputy Prime Minister could cut a terrific deal with the Railtrack bosses.

Opposition to the break-up and sale of British Railways was fierce, but, in the end, backfired. Vague threats from Clare Short, then Labour's transport spokeswoman, ensured that the public offer of Railtrack shares was a damp squib. The shadow cabinet was divided over what to do about it, with Gordon Brown, as Shadow Chancellor, counselling against renationalisation. However, the drip-feed of vague threats from Ms Short was enough to frighten institutional investors. Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the stockbroker, reckoned that the negative publicity had cut £500 million from the sale price.

Sure enough, in the three months after the May 1996 flotation, Railtrack shares remained in a siding. Then, on July 25, Labour sent out a message that was seized on with glee by the markets. Ms Short was sacked as Shadow Transport Secretary and Railtrack shares woke up, gaining 50 per cent over two months and reaching a peak of almost £7 in March, a rise of 80 per cent since the flotation in May last year.

Investors had other reasons to look fondly at the privatised rail utility. The company had been underspending hugely on its asset maintenance programme; every year Railtrack sets aside more than £400 million to rebuild crumbling bridges and stations, but, for the two years to March 1996, the company had rolled up a provision of almost £300 million for maintenance work that had been budgeted but not spent. The markets saw the makings of a cash hoard and suspected that Railtrack, like water and electricity companies, would turn into a privatisation honeypot with share buybacks and special dividends.

Railtrack's regulator finally spoke out in December and again in January, declaring the underspend "totally unacceptable", spurring a complacent Railtrack into a public relations offensive in which it declared that it would spend £16 billion on the rail network over the next ten years. Most of the investment outlined in last February's network management statement had already been spelt out in the flotation prospectus of the previous year. Yet, the sums are enormous, larger than any previous government's financial commitment to rail. That poses a problem for a Labour administration, strapped for cash but committed to improving public transport.

Richard Hannah, transport analyst with UBS, reckons that Railtrack's commitment to spend £1.6 billion per year gives the company a powerful card to play against a Government contemplating windfall taxes and more intense regulation. Mr Hannah said: "There was no golden age of state ownership. Successive governments have short-changed the railways. The Government should allow the private sector to do what it does well, but if shareholders think there is no adequate return to be had on that £16 billion, the sum will simply have to added to the public sector borrowing requirement."

Faced with demands for huge spending increases on health and education, Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, will resist any capital projects from Mr Prescott's transport ministry and the new Secretary of State will have no choice but to negotiate transport improvements with the well-endowed Railtrack. Unlike its customers, the financially challenged rail franchise operators, Railtrack has a sound asset base, a balance sheet with £2.5 billion in shareholders' funds and gearing of less than 25 per cent. This gives Railtrack both a carrot and a stick. The carrot is £16 billion of investment, the prospect of a modernised efficient railway network that might lure drivers off the congested roads. But if Labour ignores the carrot, imposes a heavy windfall tax, and attempts to squeeze Railtrack's profits, it can wave the stick.

Shorn of its ability to offer investors growth, Railtrack would simply offer them more dividends to compensate for a weak share price. A share buyback programme would be set in place and Railtrack would borrow heavily against its assets to pay for it. A financially more fragile rail utility would be less able to support big capital projects, would require even higher returns and new Labour's partnership with business would be derailed for years to come.

Clearly, the carrot ought to look more attractive to a Transport Secretary seeking results but faced with a penny-pinching Chancellor. Mr Hannah reckons that there is scope for the Government to do a deal with Railtrack. Huge projects such as the upgrading of the West Coast main line and the project to connect Thameslink stations north and south of the capital are under way, but Railtrack could do more, given the right incentives.

The model for this utility should be BAA, the airports group, in whose case a cosy privatised monopoly has dramatically improved Britain's airport infrastructure.

Railtrack, like BAA, owns its terminals, the mainline stations where the scope for retail development on the present dreary platforms and concourses is huge. Unfortunately, incentives to develop Railtrack's property were put in doubt by Andrew Smith, the former Shadow Transport Secretary. In March, Mr Smith promised to put the squeeze on Railtrack's property profits. Currently, the company is allowed to make £1 billion from property up to 2001, but must hand a quarter of any surplus to train operators.

The BAA analogy may prove to be attractive to a Labour Government. Railtrack's bosses are already mulling over the possibility of further rail projects that would involve the airports group — another route from Heathrow to a mainline station, a rail link from Heathrow to Gatwick and a connection from Heathrow to the main rail line to Bristol and points West. The wild card is the London Underground; Railtrack would dearly love to add this network to its portfolio, at the right price, but the noises coming from parts of the new administration are that a Tory privatisation plan will be scrapped.

However, Labour's instincts, whatever the rhetoric, are to be friendly to monopolies, and the party has done at least one U-turn on privatisation already. Tony Blair found it easy to do a pre-election deal with BT, linking schools to the information superhighway. A Labour Government that wants a better Tube for London might find a deal with Railtrack convenient. If that were to mean new investment in the Underground without a huge bill for Gordon Brown to settle, who would complain?

Keep a close eye on the balance sheet

Martin Weale and Garry Young give some sound advice to the Chancellor on the management of public finances

One of the most difficult challenges that will face the new Government is how to improve the quality of public services, while devoting no more resources to them. With public borrowing in 1997-98 vastly higher than is prudent and with no mandate for significantly higher taxation, it needs to maintain the firm control over public spending that had been promised by the Conservatives. This is in order to staunch the wounds to the public finances which have been caused by the excessive borrowing of the last five years.

We argued in our recent *Fiscal Report* that the balance sheet is a key indicator of the state of the public finances and that it is more important to pay attention to this than it is to try to achieve any particular number for the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement. As with families forced to sell the silver or remortgage their homes, or companies selling off profitable operations, a worsening balance sheet is a sign that the Government has been living beyond its means.

The public sector's balance sheet shows on the one side the assets owned by the Government directly and indirectly. Its assets include a range of capital goods which are made available to the public without charge. With few exceptions people do not pay when they use the roads — and no one has yet suggested coin-in-the-slot street lighting as a way or charging either for the electricity or the capital costs of the lighting system. Hospitals and schools represent capita investment but users to not pay any charge for this. Then there are other physical assets, such as council housing, for which users are charged. The last data available, for the end of 1995, put the total value of the public sector's assets physical assets at £407 billion.

The Government's liabilities are perhaps more familiar. National Savings is a means of government borrowing as, of course, is the issue of government stock. Against these we have to offset the financial assets, such as the foreign exchange reserves which the Government owns. The value of government financial liabilities, net of financial assets was £307 billion in December 1995, giving the Government net wealth of £100 billion.

A more or less neutral position would be one in which the Government's net wealth rises in line with national income. This implies, broadly speaking that the Government's contribution to welfare, supplied through the assets that it owns, neither rises nor falls in importance to the rest of the economy. If government net wealth falls as a share of national income, then taxpayers will find, one way or another that their burden is increasing.

The most obvious way in which net wealth can fall is by increased government borrowing. Future taxpayers are worse off because they have to pay higher taxes to pay the interest to the people who have lent to the Government. But wealth could be allowed to decline in a number of other ways. "Saving" money by not maintaining the capital means that future taxpayers incur costs and discomfort because roads are potholed or the Tube may break down. Saving money by replacing the public sector provision by private sector provision means that taxpayers have to pay for services which had hitherto been free.

A recent fiscal illusion which would be exposed by use of the balance sheet would have been the Private Finance Initiative. This is a scheme by which the private sector owns capital goods (like hospitals or even HM Treasury) and then leases them to the public sector. Government borrowing is reduced in the short term because the Government does not need to borrow to pay for the cost of building a new hospital. But in the longer term, the taxpayer is worse off because leasing charges have to be paid for the use of the hospital. Indeed the taxpayer is almost certainly worse off than if the Government were to own the building because the Government is able to borrow more cheaply than the private sector. The PFI, which gives the illusion of saving money, actually increases the tax burden.

There may of course be sound economic arguments for leasing. Services used in the building may be provided more cheaply and efficiently than if the whole thing were publicly owned (although why such efficiency savings should be impossible to achieve in the public sector is unclear). But a government which looked at its balance sheet would feel a need to reduce government borrowing to offset an increase in leasing.

The decline in the balance sheet position since 1990 is costing the taxpayer 1½p to 2p on the standard rate of income tax permanently. Had policy-makers thought in these terms, the more recent reductions in the rate of income tax might have seemed less of a good idea. The new Government should keep an eye on its balance sheet to stop this ever happening again.

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TELEVISION CHOICE

The trauma of upheaval

Moving People
Channel 4, 8.00pm

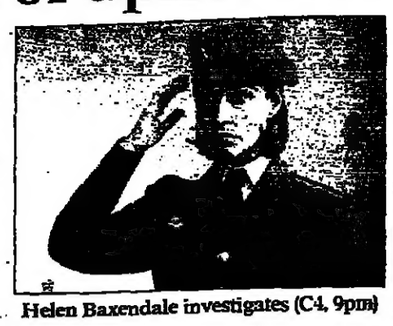
John Peel keeps in the background and lets his foreground figures do the talking: the now established style for an often funny, always perceptive series on the traumas of moving house. This second lot begins with likely lad Gavin admitting he has one day left to find a flat before his American girlfriend returns from New York. She's older and tougher than 21-year-old Gavin and when she claps eyes on the grisly flat he's found, hell hath no fury ... Annie and Mike are Lancashire line dancers who take off for rain-soaked, isolated Glenfinnan in Scotland to (hopefully) rent out B&Bs. Against the odds this seems to work. And sad, indeed tragic, is the case of the pensioner and widower Edward, whose much-loved retirement home is slipping into the sea. And the insurance won't pay ....

The Investigator
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Even before the opening titles comes the caption "This film was made without the co-operation of the Ministry of Defence." You can see why: although the British Army decriminalised homosexuality in 1994, gays and lesbians are still being dismissed and the numbers are rising. Britain remains the only country in the European Community to ban gay people from the Forces. This is a powerful drama-documentary made by Chris Oxley who directed, among much else, *Death on the Rock*. It is based on the true story of Caroline Meagher, who appears at the end to state her case but is played throughout by the excellent Helen Baxendale. Through her eyes we see how, between 1978 and 1990, the British Army persecuted and victimised lesbians in their ranks — until Caroline herself, a Staff Sergeant with an exemplary record in the Royal Military Police, was forced to leave the job she loved.

Touching Evil
ITV, 9.00pm

DI Creegan (Robson Green) is now obsessively involved with the case of child abduction begun last week by the Serial Crime Unit. The same trademarks — a plastic daffodil and a track shoe — have been left where children disappeared, subsequently murdered, in Germany as well as at the sites of fresh disappearances in Britain. It seems a bit of a cheat to have a blubbering psychic sidekick (creator Paul Abbott's *Cracker* would never have stooped to that) and Creegan's temper is over the top. Of course he "knows" Professor Hinks (Ian McDiarmid) is guilty but so far the evidence is circumstantial — and Hinks is just as clever at cat-and-mouse games as his persecutor. Watch how director Julian Jarrold injects an element of mysticism — even poetry — into his wonderfully angled shots. Impressive stuff, this. A new story starts next week.



Helen Baxendale investigates (C4, 9pm)

Network First: Between the Lines
ITV, times vary

If we are to take seriously the evidence of forensic and handwriting experts, and eyewitnesses not previously heard at his trial, then we can only conclude that there is a very good chance indeed that Paul Malone, convicted in 1986 of several armed robberies on Merseyside and Wirral and sent down for 15 years, is innocent. And that the police involved have a grim case to answer. Malone was released in 1995 on licence and since then has turned to the Court of Appeal to clear his name. Step by step, using actors and testimony from witnesses, and Malone himself, this disturbing film builds up the case against the constabulary.

Elizabeth Cowley

RADIO CHOICE

Thirty Minutes to Kill
Radio 4, 2.00pm

And if you should have 30 minutes to kill this afternoon, let me recommend a good way for you to do the deed. All you have to do is turn on your radio, tune in to Radio 4 at 2pm and, hey presto!, you'll be off on a roller-coaster ride that should leave you feeling deliriously exhausted by the time 2.30 arrives. Lynne Truss, chuckle-raiser extraordinary in *The Times*, has written a comedy about a barmy couple (brilliantly played by Michael Maloney and Haydn Gwynne) who are about to leave on a holiday to Mongolia (his choice), not Florence (hers). They know — and so do we as chaos ensues — that time's winged chariot is about to have a rather large spoke shoved into its wheels.

Weston East
Radio 4 (FM), 10.00am

By midnight on June 30, it will all be over. The British Forces Radio staff will have pulled out all the plugs for the last time, and the Navy, Army and Air Force will have abandoned their bases. At a minute past midnight, Hong Kong will, once again, be Chinese territory. In the first of two programmes, Simon Weston, battle-scarred veteran of the Falklands War, talks to some of the British service personnel whose lives, from July 1, will never be the same again. Weston is proving to be an able reporter. And, of course, he talks in the language that both he and military types understand. Most important, though, it is a language that we listeners can understand as well.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 Kevin Greening 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session 8.30 Digital Update with Rachel Reynard 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00am Clare Sturgess 4.00 Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Alan Freeman: Their Greatest Bits 8.00 Nigel Ogden 9.00 The Rock 'n' Roll Years 9.30 If I Had A Talking Picture 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, includes Racing Preview 9.00 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.35 The Tuesday Match introduced by Simon Mann. Includes one of tonight's Premiership matches featuring Manchester United, Liverpool and Newcastle 10.00 News Talk with Nigel Cassidy 11.00 News Extra 12.00 After Hours 2.00am Up All Night

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Rose 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST: News on the hour. 6.00am Newshour 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 World Today 7.30 Anatomy of Addiction 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Touched with Fire. 8.45 Good Relationship Guide 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Keep To The Path Through Europe 9.30 Everywoman 10.00 Business 10.15 Making of Hamlet 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Sport 11.30 On Screen 12.30pm Anatomy of Addiction 1.00 News in German 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Health Matters 1.45 Sport 2.00 Newshour 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack 4.05 Sport 4.15 Keep The Path Through Europe 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain Today 6.15 World Today 6.30 News in German 6.45 Sport 7.30 One Planet 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Megamix 9.00 Newshour 10.05 Business 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Meridian Live 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.05am Outlook 12.30 Megamix 1.30 Farming World 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 Discovery 3.30 Meridian Live 4.05 Business 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 7.00 Mike Read 10.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Classic Newsnight 7.30 Sonata. Leclair (Flute Sonata in C major Op 2 No 3) 8.00 Evening Concert. Handel (Let this Bright Seraphim from Samson), Marcello (Oboe Concerto in C minor); Delibes (Ballet Music, Le Roi s'amuse) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00am Lunchtime Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Horne 6.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am **On Air**, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Liszt (Fantasy on Two Motifs from *The Marriage of Figaro*); Brahms (Piano Quartet No 2 in A, Op 26); Mozart (Wind Sextet in E flat, K183)
9.00am **Morning Collection**, with Penny Gore. Includes Tchaikovsky (Capriccio Italien); Handel (Dixit Dominus)
10.00 **Musical Encounters**, with Mary Miller. Includes Dvořák (Overture, The Golden Spinning Wheel); Offenbach (Christopher Columbus, Act 2, opening); Schulhoff (Sextet); Scarlatti (Sonata in D, Kk29)
12.00 **Composer of the Week: Sibelius**
1.00pm **The BBC Orchestras.** BBC Philharmonic, conductor Yan Pascal Tortelier, Valerie Hartmann-Claverie, ondes martenot, Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano. Messiaen (Turangalîla Symphony)
2.15 **Voices.** Ian Burnside presents Schubert settings of texts from *The Lady of the Lake* (r)
3.00 **The BBC Orchestras.** BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, conductor Joseph Swensen. Includes Mozart (Overture, The Magic Flute); Schubert (Symphony No 9 in C, Great)
4.00 **Spirit of the Age** (r)
5.00 **Music Machine.** Verity Sharp travels to Germany in search of the organs Bach played and for which he composed some of his greatest music
5.15 **In Tune**, with Mairi Nicolson
7.30 **Live at Turner Sims.** Paul Gulnery introduces the second of five concerts from the Turner Sims Hall in Southampton. With Leon McCawley, piano. Emperor Quartet: Haydn (Piano Sonata in C minor); Britten (String Quartet No 1 8.20 The Music. Andalés of Desire by James Hamilton-Paterson (2/5) 8.40 Concert part two. Dvořák (Piano Quintet No 2 in A, Op 81)
9.35 **Extravagant Strangers.** The writer Caryl Phillips talks to the Jamaican-born poet Linton Kwesi Johnson (2/5)
10.00 **Ulster Orchestra.** Conductor Kenneth Montgomery. Mozart (Overture, Don Giovanni); Dvořák (Nocturne in B for strings); Martinu (Toccata e due Canzoni)
10.45 **Night Waves.** Includes a report on Patti Lupone's role as Maria Callas in the Broadway hit *Master Class*
11.30 **Composer of the Week: Haydn** (r)
12.30am **Jazz Notes.** Steve Voce talks to Buck Clayton about his partnership with Humphrey Lyttelton
1.00 **Through the Night**

RADIO 4

5.55am **Shipping Forecast (LW)** 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, includes Thought for the Day 8.40 Last Chance to See, with Douglas Adams 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News** 9.05 **Call Edward Stourton**
10.00 **News; Weston East.** See Choice (1/2)
10.00 **Daily Service (LW)** 10.15 **On This Day (LW)**
10.30 **Woman's Hour**, with Caroline Swinburne
11.30 **All in the Mind**, with Professor Anthony Clare
12.00 **News; You and Yours**, with Lesley Riddoch
12.25pm **Word of Mouth.** Russell Davies explores the art of voice projection (6/6) 12.56 Weather
1.00 **The World at One**, with Nick Clarke
1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Thirty Minutes to Kill.** Written by *Times* columnist Lynne Truss. See Choice
2.30 **Comparing Notes with Brian Kay.** With guests Vicky Gregory from Manchester's Bridgewater Hall and Graham Sheffield from the Barbican Centre in London about running an important concert venue
3.00 **The Afternoon Shift**, with Daire Brehan
4.00 **News** 4.05 **Kaleidoscope.** Paul Vaughan talks to Sir Roy Strong whose diary covering his time as director of the Victoria and Albert Museum is published
4.45 **Short Story: Blood Ties,** by Raymond Soltysek. Read by Eliza Langland
5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** 6.30 **Minor Adjustment** (r)
7.00 **News** 7.05 **The Archers**
7.20 **File on 4**, with Jenny Cuffe
8.00 **Science Now**, with Martin Conway
8.30 **The Network**, with Alun Lewis
9.00 **In Touch.** Peter White with news and features for visually impaired people
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight**, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: One of Ours,** by Willa Cather. Read by Ian Porter (11/12) (r)
11.00 **Mediumwave**, with Vincent Hanna (r)
11.30 **A Night with . . Julian Critchley.** Reflections on the three things that have kept him awake: passion, pain and politics (3/6) (r)
12.00 **News** incl 12.27am approx Weather
12.30am **The Late Book: Behind the Scenes at the Museum,** by Kate Atkinson Read by Patricia Hodge (2/10) (r)
12.48 **Shipping Forecast** 1.00 **As World Service**

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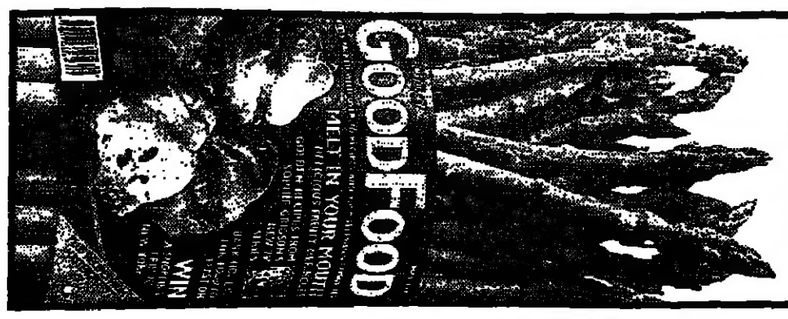

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Long, long trails a-winding (to nowhere)

On Sunday afternoon, my radio drama producer rang me up. "We've got a trail at 4.15," he said. "Tune in to Radio 4 at 4.15; they're trailing your play." As a proud author, of course I dropped everything. A trail! I tried to imagine it. A snip of tantalising dialogue, guaranteed to get listeners so excited about a Tuesday afternoon play that they would start contriving a sick-day at once. But ho hum, guess what, the taster for my play did not materialise. Instead, they advertised **The Heart Surgeon** on BBC1. That's just the way it goes.

"It's a judgment!" yelled Orla Brady, in a froth of guilt. "You said this wouldn't happen!" she cried in anguish. I didn't mind. This trail had been played so many times on the telly that it was by now an old chum. I was just surprised they didn't add the overworked *Hamish Macbeth* trailer, too — what with "You never once told me that you loved me Hamish!" being BBC1's catch-phrase for the entire weekend. In *Hamish Macbeth*, you see, Isabel was evidently freezing to death in a cave, and growing reproachful. "You never once told me that you loved me Hamish!" was a good line, and long overdue. Well said, Isabel. By the time it was actually delivered on Sunday night, however, I had not only perfected my sing-song Isabel accent ("You niver once tooled me") but had added pathetic teeth-chattering to the effect as well.

There is a serious point here, however. The trails for *The Heart Surgeon* were intrinsic to the experience of watching it, and since they gave you the whole story in advance, they rather reduced the element of surprise. When heart surgeon Alex (Nigel Havers) launched into his fatal-attraction affair with Marcella (Orla Brady), I doubt there was anyone in the audience who didn't know precisely where it was leading. "He's going to perform heart surgery on Marcella's husband Larry, blah-blah, and he's going to die, blah-blah, and then there'll be a scandal," they said.

It's arguable, of course, that most audiences for *Othello* likewise have an inkling how it will turn out, but on the other hand *Othello* is rarely shown over two consecutive nights on BBC1. At the end of Part One of *The Heart Surgeon*, Alex had only just agreed to perform the op. It had taken 75 minutes to tell half of what its audience knew already.

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

Luckily, *The Heart Surgeon* was made of very superior stuff. Good though the plot was, it certainly wasn't everything. The acting and characterisation from all three principals (Lorcan Cranitch was Larry) was quite superb, the pacing of John Collee's intelligent script was perfectly judged, and the music by Hollywood composer Michael Kamen was worth every penny. *Best of* all, scenes that elsewhere might have been telegraphed in sound-bite dialogue ("As from now, Alex, you're officially on holiday!") were remarkably given sufficient room to breathe, and to seem real.

In fact, *The Heart Surgeon* somehow managed to achieve an unusually high level of authenticity, all round. It was easy to believe, for example, that Alex, Marcella and Larry had been friends for years. Just the way Marcella said her familiar "Hello!" when arriving at Alex's house: just the way Larry and Alex played guitar together — very badly, but with ritual seriousness. But more importantly, the quite lengthy (and very bloody) surgery scenes utterly convinced me that Nigel Havers was a brilliant, super-competent man whose titanic self-belief was not only justified, but even rather laudable.

How different from Paula Milne's polemical drama *The Fragile Heart* last year (with Nigel Hawthorne), which simply demonised medical arrogance. The fatal flaw of any surgeon is likely to be his confidence in his own opinion, and so it was with Alex. But the script had the reverse effect of Paula Milne's — instead of banging you over the head with the man's inadequacies, it let you discover for yourself how few friends he had, his need for clarity and control, his paradoxical weakness. It was a real tragedy for a man like that to lose his best friend under the knife. It didn't serve him right.

Elsewhere on telly last night it was movies, snooker, Wallace and Gromit and Anthea Turner. Anyone would think it was a Bank Holiday. Thank goodness, then, for such a decent bit of drama to enliven the more obvious fare. Late-night on BBC1, *Unplugged* — **Oasis** turned out to be a lacklustre special event not worth waiting up for, in which Noel Gallagher took centre-stage at the Festival Hall for an acoustic (and cursory) performance of the Oasis songbook. "The brains I had went to my head" sang Noel, frowning under the spotlights beneath those enormous Thunderbird-puppet eyebrows, and expertly strumming a big guitar. What an excellent confessional line that is. And how appropriate in the circs.

For we were still in the world of overweening arrogance, alas. Where was the more famous brother, Liam? "Liam's not with us tonight, he's got a sore throat. You're stuck with the ugly four," announced the charmless Noel, matter-of-factly, before rattling unceremoniously through the repertoire on his own, without any attempt at engaging chat. Well, what a swizz. And a bit late to break the news, I'd say, at one o'clock in the morning.

No Liam? Or rather, just Liam peering grimly and inexplicably over the balcony of the gods, in a hat, with a stone-faced Patsy Kensit by his side? Well, conspicuously, there were no trails telling us *that* beforehand, were there?

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (91457)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (72051)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (3364544)
9.20 Style Challenge (6808761)
9.45 Kilroy (7160709)
10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (15877)
11.00 News (T) (7904254)
11.05 The Great Escape (7361254)
11.35 Change That (4543588)
12.00 News (T) (8531525)
12.05pm Call My Bluff (8279631)
12.35 Good Living (9610631)
1.00 News (T) and weather (82438)
1.30 Regional News (86954544)
1.40 The Weather Show (99123831)
1.45 Neighbours (T) (40043273)
2.10 Quincy (8882235)
2.55 Through the Keyhole (6558728)
3.20 Private Places (6692099) **3.30** Mouse and Mole (7562148) **3.35** Playdays (8403070) **3.55** Arthur (8414186) **4.20** Julia Jekyll and Harriet (7842490) **4.35** Pirates (1523099) **5.00** Newsround (T) (4774631) **5.10** The Lowdown (T) (6550457)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (283341)
6.00 News (T) and weather (167)
6.30 Regional News (419)
7.00 Holiday: Fasten Your Seatbelt Carol Smillie becomes a silver service waitress on the busiest night of the year at the Gleneagles Hotel; Monty Don poses as entertainments organiser at a Club Med resort in the Bahamas (T) (3254)
7.30 EastEnders George meets a glamorous friend from the past. Grant makes a decision about Courtney's future while the Fowlers continue to fret about wayward Martin (T) (631)
8.00 Children's Hospital A baby is brought in suffering from a rash which puzzles the doctors; consultant Richard Bryson carries out intricate skin-grafts on the 13-year-old burns victim first seen last week (T) (2902)
8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart Gary and Phoebe's wedding day arrives, but will the groom make it to the church on time? (T) (8709)
9.00 News (T) and weather (8231)
9.30 999 Special: Missing in Action Insight into the story of a fighter pilot who hid in enemy territory for six days after being shot down over war-torn Bosnia, and the dramatic rescue attempt carried out by 61 of his colleagues. The programme features actual radio recordings and footage made at the time of the events (T) (156983)
10.25 Match of the Day Desmond Lynam introduces highlights of tonight's game between Liverpool and Wimbledon. Plus, the pick of the action from West Ham United v Newcastle United (6164254)
11.40 Rocky II (1979) Sequel to the 1976 Oscar-winning drama, written, directed by and starring Sylvester Stallone, which sees the underdog hero marry his sweetheart and father Rocky Jnr, before stepping into the ring for another shot at Apollo Creed's heavyweight title (T) (800438)
1.35am Weather (3340397)

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BBC2

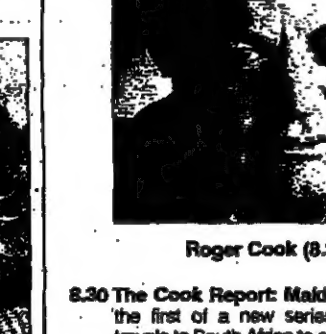
6.00am Open University: 18th-Century Strasbourg (8630099) **6.25** Kedleston Hall (T) (8619506) **6.50** Cragside House (8100419)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T) (3092709) **7.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (8207761) **7.55** Newsround's Rock and Roll Years (r) (T) (9063983) **8.35** The Raccoons (r) (3498693)
9.00 Daytime on Two: Study Ireland (17235) **9.30** Believe It or Not A Christian pilgrimage to Lourdes (7747896) **9.45** Watch (7735051)
10.00 Teletubbies (36761) **10.30** Come Outside (6925099) **10.45** Science Zone (4912186) **11.05** Space Ark (7992419) **11.15** Go for It! (5562631) **11.30** Sportsbank (9896) **12.00** See Hear! (r) (T) (37099)
12.30pm Working Lunch (57341)
1.00 Teaching Today (73780) **1.30** Testament: the Bible in Animation (T) (56612) **2.00** Juniper Jungle (r) (10867780)
2.10 Table Tennis: World Championships. Highlights from Manchester (7588728)
3.00 News (T) Regional News and weather (6889525)
3.05 The Phil Silvers Show (7398877) **3.30** Blockbusters (2619761) **3.55** News (T) Regional News and weather (5775099) **4.00** Blockbusters (5752148) **4.25** Ready, Steady, Cook (5755235) **4.55** Esther (1643761)
5.30 Today's the Day (896)
6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air Will proposes that he and Lisa get married (r) (273490)
6.25 Heartbreak High Kat falls for an older man (T) (287964)
7.10 The O Zone Gary Barlow, North and South from the TV show *No Sweat* and the Foo Fighters (6776)

Dame Kiri te Kanawa (7.30pm)

7.30 From the Waterfront Opening gala concert of Belfast's Waterfront Hall, with Dame Kiri te Kanawa, Dennis O'Neill and Kate McCarney (75728) **Subsequent programmes may run late**
9.30 Murder One The Latrell trial finally gets under way (T) (415148)
10.15 Close-Up on Hitchcock Directors Gillies Mackinnon and Mike Leigh choose their favourite clips from Hitchcock's *The Birds* and *Rear Window* (809525)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (538983) **11.15** Space: Above and Beyond (580506) **12.00** The Phil Silvers Show (2987303) **12.25pm** Weather (9841823)
12.30 Learning Zone: O.U.: — Coping with Queues (12262) **1.00** New Generations and Piping Hot (50668) **2.00** The English Pro gramme (82674) **4.00** Adult Learning and IT (61262) **4.30** Networking Teacher Education (60552) **5.00** Inside Europe (48842) **5.30** Film Education (49858)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (4917902)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (6816780)
9.55 Regional News (T) (3241815)
10.00 The Time, the Place (63815)
10.30 This Morning (T) (52160186)
12.20pm Regional News (T) (8545728)
12.30 News (T) and weather (9613728)
12.54 HTV Crimestoppers (45222322) **12.55** Shortland Street (9698419) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (70779525) **1.50** Afternoon Live (40026506) **2.20** Vanessa: (T) (40214877) **2.50** Afternoon Live (2933457)
3.20 News (T) (6696815)
3.25 Regional News (T) (6695186)
3.30 Wizadora (r) (6949273) **3.40** Potamus Park (r) (7560780) **3.50** Bimble's Bucket (r) (T) (7566964) **4.00** Garfield and Friends (T) **4.15** Hey Arnold! (4372322) **4.40** Island (T) (9781815)
5.10 The House (r) (T) (7269341)
5.40 News (T) and weather (433419)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (200544)
6.25 HTV Weather (186525)
6.30 The West Tonight (T) (815)
7.00 Emmerdale Jack takes a gamble that could change his life (T) (8322)
7.30 Family Circles: East of Taunton Examining the generation gap between Joseph and LaiPing Mo who came to Britain from Hong Kong in the 1950s and their children (159)
8.00 The Bill Daly and Skase observe family hostility (T) (7070)



Roger Cook (8.30pm)

8.30 The Cook Report: Making a Killing In the first of a new series, Roger Cook travels to South Africa to explore the trade of "canned hunting" in which rich Europeans pay to shoot trapped and drugged wild animals (T) (3877)
9.00 CHOICE **Touching Evil** In the conclusion of the crime drama Creegan gets a breakthrough, but will he be able to find the boys in time (T) (2099)
10.00 News (T) and weather (25254)
10.30 Regional News (T) (781761)
10.40 CHOICE **Network First: Between the Lines** Paul Malone — who spent ten years in prison for armed robbery — attempts to prove he was framed by the police (T) (386952)
11.40 Conspiracy of Silence First of a 4-part *murder mystery based on fact about the* brutal death of a young Cree Indian woman (T) (946148)
12.40am Dating the Enemy (4405620)
1.40 Stand and Deliver (6303736)
2.40 The Chart Show (r) (8869133)
3.35 Recollections (55994194)
3.50 Football Extra (r) (1225026)
4.30 The Time, the Place (r) (64378) **5.00** Heirloom (r) (42668) **5.30** News (63484)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9698419)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7269341)
6.25-7.00 Central News (568341)
7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (159)
11.40 Highlander (946148)
12.40am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (5965194)
1.15 Film: Trenchcoat (892649)
2.55 In Focus (3986129)
3.40 Football Extra (2879465)
4.30 Central Jobfinder '97 (2593397)
5.20 Asian Eye (8260823)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.55 Home and Away (8437964)
1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (22508780)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7269341)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (69186)
7.30-8.00 Animal Passions (159)
11.40 Highlander (946148)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7269341)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (235)
6.30-7.00 Truly, Madly, Weekly (815)
7.30-8.00 The Parish (159)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (946148)
5.00am Freescreen (42668)

ANGLIA

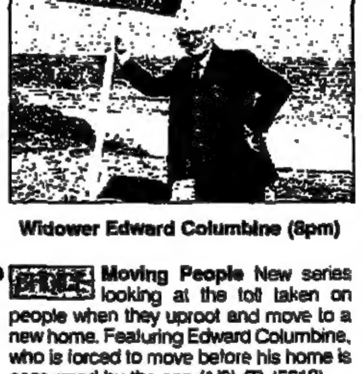
As HTV West except:
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9698419)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7269341)
6.23 Anglia Weather (187254)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (568341)
7.30-8.00 Homemaker (159)
11.40 Swift Justice (946148)

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (84167)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (65761)
9.00 Bewitched (35631)
9.30 Those British Faces: Stanley Holloway (48693)
10.00 Film: Champagne Charlie (75171815)
11.55 Pencil Dance (8272728)
12.00pm Australia Wild (22167)
12.30 Ricki Lake (59709)
1.00 Slot Meithrin (59625380)
1.15 Pingu (54675885)
1.30 Waterways (41780)
2.00 Racing from Chester (2612)
4.00 Fifteen-to-One (728)
4.30 Taste of the Times (612)
5.00 5 Pump (6728)
5.30 Countdown (964)
6.00 Newyddion (824273)
6.05 Heno (288322)
6.35 Bob Yn Ddau (193815)
7.00 Pobol y Cwm (398693)
7.25 Glengwill (683780)
8.00 Eryri a'i Chriw (5612)
8.30 Newyddion (1419)
9.00 Cutting Edge (3341)
10.00 Brookside (844896)
10.35 Dark Sides (586790)
11.30 Northern Exposure (222070)
12.25am Hill Street Blues (5965397)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street *(r) (84167)* **7.00** The Big Breakfast (65761) **9.00** Bewitched (r) (T) (35631)
9.30 Those British Faces: Stanley Holloway A tribute (48693)
10.00 Champagne Charlie (1944, b/w) with Tommy Trinder and Stanley Holloway. The story of the running feud between two music hall stars. Directed by Alberto Cavalcanti (75171815)
11.55 Pencil Dance Animation (8272728) **12.00** Australia Wild (22167) **12.30pm** Light Lunch (52525) **1.30** Waterways. In the first of a new series Dick Warner cruises from the Shannon to the Erne (T) (1/6) (41780)
2.00 Racing from Chester The **2.10, 2.40, 3.10** and **3.40** races (2612)
4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (728) **4.30** *Countdown (T) (612)* **5.00** *Ricki Lake (T)* (6728) **5.30** Pet Rescue (T) (964)
6.00 Friends Monica applies for a job as a chef (r) (T) (208186)
6.25 Fluke A new comedy game show, removing the element of skill, presented by Tim Vine (566983)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (973542)
7.50 Book Choice Special: A Festival of Commonwealth Literature With author David Malouf (850952)



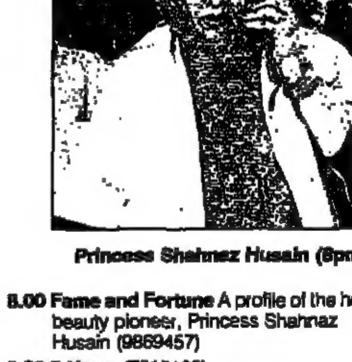
Widower Edward Columbine (8pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Moving People** New series looking at the toll taken on people when they uproot and move to a new home. Featuring Edward Columbine, who is forced to move before his home is consumed by the sea (1/8) (T) (5612)
8.30 Brookside Will Sinbad be able to keep his new love a secret? (T) (1419)
9.00 CHOICE **The Investigator** A factual drama about a military policewoman ordered to track down lesbians in the British Army. With Helen Blaxendale (T) (13644254)
10.45 King of New York (1989) with Christopher Walken. A thriller about a recently-released crime lord who is determined to do something positive for society. Directed by Abel Ferrara (T) (28766439)
12.40am Eat a Bowl of Tea (1989) with Russell Wong and Cora Miao. The story of a young Chinese couple in New York during the late 1940s. Directed by Wayne Wang in English with Mandarin subtitles (152281)
2.35 Iron and Silk (1991) with Pan Qingfu. How a kung-fu mad youngster comes to terms with real life and love in present day China. Directed by Shirley Sun. In English with Mandarin subtitles (898113)
4.15 Flight of the Swan A young African girl in England struggles to become a ballerina (r) (92081397)
4.30 Riders of the Dawn Spanish drama serial. With English subtitles (r) (78397)
5.30-6.00 Backdate (r) (T) (61026)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE
Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00 am 5 News Early (8020631)
7.30 Havakazoo (5875051) **8.00** Adventures of the Bush Patrol (8725273)
8.30 Wideworld: The Shrinking Earth Examining how modern technology is making the world seem smaller (8724544)
9.00 Espresso (2782896) **10.00** Exclusive (r) (7349709) **10.30** Hot Property (r) (T) (8704780) *11.00 Leeza* (9471780) **11.50** Double Espresso (34772070) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8795032) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (4807051) **1.00** 5 News Update (49123070) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (3884693) **2.00** 5's Company (7306322)
3.30 The Secret Life of Kathy McCormick (1988) with Barbara Eden and Josh Taylor. The story of a woman from the wrong side of the tracks leading a double life — working in a supermarket during the day, a socialite at night. Directed by Robert Lewis (3653964)
5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (35661693)
5.30 100 Per Cent (9577273)
6.00 Whittle (T) (9574186)
6.30 Family Affairs Jamie is placed in an awkward position (T) (9565438)
7.00 Exclusive (5164849)
7.30 Wild States A documentary about the sheep that live on the mountain ranges of Alaska (9554322)



Princess Shahnaz Husain (8pm)

8.00 Fame and Fortune A profile of the herbal beauty pioneer, Princess Shahnaz Husain (9869457)
8.30 5 News (7015162)
9.00 Red Dawn (1984) with Patrick Swayze and Charlie Sheen. An action adventure about a group of teenagers who become *the resistance when Russian and Cuban* troops invade a small town in the American north-west. Directed by John Milius (1392273)
11.00 The Jack Docherty Show (5137148)
11.40 The Comedy Store Well known comedians recall their early careers. Plus snooker star, Steve Davis recounts the time he swapped his cue for a microphone (5548457)
12.10am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine featuring the best in motorsport action (23077295)
4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4306649)
5.30 - 6.00 100 Per Cent (r) (2647533)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (359525) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (61728) **10.00** Another World (17148) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (20612) **12.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (93780) **1.00pm** Geraldo (26588) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (95438) **3.00** Jenny Jones (44934) **4.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (98761) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (3269) **6.00** Real TV (2849) **6.30** Married — with Children (4099) **7.00** The Simpsons (1438) **7.30** M*A*S*H (3983) **8.00** Speed! (5506) **8.30** Real TV UK (9693) **9.00** When Animals Attack III (28877) **10.00** The Practice (21964) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (18877) **12.00** America's Dumbest Criminals (43741) **12.30am** L.A.P.D. (69194) **1.00** Hit Mix (9432945)

SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (3514438) **7.30** Superboy (3394780) **8.00** Xena: Warrior Princess (7533438) **9.00** Pacific Blue (7546902) **10.00** Malibu Shores (7516761) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (4465525) **12.00** Hit Mix (4560026)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Back Home (1990) (85544) **8.00 Union Station (1950)** (79490) **10.00 Who'll Save Our Children? (1978)** (75761) **12.00 Wagons East! (1994)** (92341) **2.00pm Medicine River (1993)** (194322) **3.40 The Lion (1962)** (329341) **5.15 Who'll Save Our Children? (1978)** (93983) **7.00 Wagons East! (1994)** (43231) **9.00 The Birds II: Land's End (1994)** (44970) **10.30 The OJ Simpson Story (1995)** (3581612) **12.05am Shame II: The Secret (1996)** (1519216) **1.35 Vanishing Son II (1994)** (4502736) **3.00 I Like It Like That (1994)** (228465) **4.45 Union Station (1950)** (4959200)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00pm The Command (1954) (83186) **8.00 Little Miss Millions (1992)** (77032) **10.00 Hollywood Cavalcade (1939)** (76001) **12.00 Cagney and Lacey: True Convictions (1995)** (90983) **2.00am Rule (1995)** (43186) **4.00 Little Miss Millions (1992)** (6983) **6.00 Three Ninjas Kick Back (1994)** (46419) **7.30 Special Feature** (6693) **8.00 Rule (1995)** (35167) **10.00 White Tiger (1996)** (756542) **11.35 The Man in My Life (1993)** (607438) **1.20 Rapa Nui (1994)** (286228) **3.10 Schemes (1995)** (579216) **4.50 The Magic Adventure (1973)** (9596842)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Nun's Story (1959) (24593308) **8.35 The Pick-Up Artist (1987)** (87513001) **10.00 Predator (1987)** (4820235) **11.55 Turk 182 15 (1985)** (7899983) **1.35am The Return of Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer (1986)** (1861823) **3.15-5.20 The Treasure of the Sierra Madre (1948)** (45590939)

TNT

9.00pm Viva Las Vegas (1964) (37785438) **11.00 Code Name: Emerald (1985)** (50237631) **12.40am Mad Love (1935)** (69805587) **2.15 NTL Test** (90324945) **2.45-5.00 Night Must Fall (1964)** (30513736)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (67167) **7.30** Sports Unlimited (73970) **8.30** Racing News (83631) **9.00** Sports Centre (74963) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (18915) **10.00** Football: Manchester Utd v Middlesbrough (98051) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (61419) **12.30pm** US PGA Golf (83457) **2.30** World Wide Rugby (81902) **4.30** Skif Sailing (3780) **4.59** Sports Centre (6778322) **5.00** Live Wire (8963) **6.00** Sports Centre (4273) **6.30** World Pool Masters (16525) **7.30** Skif Sailing (1709) **7.59** Sports Centre (265061) **8.00** Gallacher's Ryder Cup (72841) **10.00** Sports Centre (82148) **10.30** The Footballers' Football Show (55438) **11.30** World Pool Masters (64099) **12.30am** Sports Centre (14668) **1.00** Ryder Cup (86587) **2.00-3.30** Sports Centre

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Sports Unlimited (95320902) **1.00pm** Surfing (95306322) **2.00** NHL Ice Hockey (68957254) **3.30** Women's Golf (6922548) **4.30** Sports Unlimited (30265322) **5.30** *Skif-Sailing (23942187)* **6.00** The Winning Post (37776780) **8.00** NBA Basketball (37788525) **10.00-11.30** NHL Ice Hockey (50022148)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Ice Hockey: World Championship Pool A (64070) **8.00** Football (44728) **10.00** Motorcycling (60254) **11.00** Ice Hockey (37051) **11.30** Football (38051) **12.30pm** Table Tennis (41896) **2.00** Live Ice Hockey (128867) **4.30** Live Tennis (67438) **6.00** Live Ice Hockey (755490) **8.30** Boxing (46089) **9.30** Tennis (94235) **10.00** Football (87544) **11.00** Ice Hockey (29032) **11.30-12.30am** Equestrianism (59167)

UK GOLD

7.00am Tellystack (8412525) **7.35** Neighbours (6813148) **8.00** Crossroads (8516761) **8.25** EastEnders (4091186) **9.00** *The Bill* (7493693) **9.30** Don't Wait Up (4630525) **10.00** Robin's Nest (4587896) **10.30** The Sullivans (7499877) **11.00** Casualty (70773457) **12.05** Crossroads (86144341) **12.30pm** Neighbours (4834341) **1.00** EastEnders (8291273) **1.35** *Gingerbread Girl (8058032)* **2.20** The Mistress (5179709) **2.55** 'Allo 'Allo! (8300983) **3.30** The Bill (3526032) **4.00** Boon (3030631) **5.00** Generation Game (63652780) **6.05** EastEnders (5525998) **6.40** Sykes (5322612) **7.20** Russ Abbot (5307922) **7.50** Rising Damp (7883070) **8.20** In Sickness and in Health (8000273) **9.00** The Bill (3036815) **9.30** Casualty (47305525) **10.35** Then Churchill Said to Me (7495693) **11.10** What a Carry On! (7842983) **11.40** FILM: **The Naked Truth** (6878051) **1.15am** Private Schultz (8909007) **2.15** Shopping at Night

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (4726902) **7.00** Coronation Street (6662235) **7.30** Families (6674070) **8.00** Surprise, Surprise (1794544) **9.00** The Professionals (7703273) **10.00** Richard and Judy (9638167) **10.30** Doctor on the Go (9098099) **11.00** *Within These Walls* (6550490) **12.00** Classic Coronation Street (9070051) **12.30pm** Families (3600411) **1.00** Crown Court (6661506) **1.30** The Good Life Guide (4050952) **2.00** This Year, Next Year (9639896) **3.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (9826438) **4.00** Surprise, Surprise (9838273) **5.00** The Professionals (3160983) **6.00** Families (2623631) **6.30** Classic Coronation Street (2614983) **7.00** Surprise, Surprise (6985631) **8.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (6961051) **9.00** Classic Coronation Street (9834457) **9.30** The Comedians (3505867) **10.00-11.00** The Professionals (6984302)

Rachel Ward stars in *Twisted*, tales of the bizarre (Bravo, 9.30pm)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Mouse Tracks **6.25** Quack Attack **6.50** Bonkers (6971254) **7.15** The Little Mermaid (5249542) **7.40** Aladdin (4450815) **8.05** Quack Pack (2833070) **8.30** Goof Troop (10709) **9.00** The Care Bears (4615683) **9.25** Pooh Corner (4634728) **9.50** Muppet Babies (3522954) **10.15** Grounding Marsh (2161324) **10.40** Sing Me a Story (1321612) **11.05** Mouse and Mole (2820322) **11.10** Big Garage (4430631) **11.25** Play Along (3989983) **11.55** Fraggle Rock (8889092) **12.20pm** Timon and Pumbaa (3545148) **12.35** Boy Meets World (7772612) **1.05** Timon and Pumbaa (8202187) **1.15** Mouse Tracks (305506) **1.45** Aladdin (60422254) **2.10** Goof Troop (24590902) **2.35** Bonkers (8842790) **3.00** Quack Attack (9875780) **3.25** Timon and Pumbaa (2837322) **3.35** The Little Mermaid (8618070) **4.00** Timon and Pumbaa (5583322) **4.10** Goof Troop (6186815) **4.30** Everyday's a Chooseday (6032) **5.00** Aladdin (7195490) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (5040344) **5.35** Mighty Ducks (184631) **6.00** New Doug (7525) **6.30** Boy Meets World (8877) **7.00** Brotherly Love (2964) **7.30** FILM: **Hostage for a Day** (54896) **9.00** Dave's World (82761) **9.30-10.00** Golden Girls (52273)

FOX KIDS NETWORK

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6.00am Road to Avonlea (97693) **7.00** *Dennis the Menace (77902)* **8.00** Batman (17612) **8.30** Art Attack (16983) **9.00** Flash Gordon (25686) **9.30** Bobby's World (41167) **10.00** Romuald the Reindeer (31051) **10.30** Robinson Sucroe (25849) **11.00** Danger Mouse (95099) **11.30** Gravedale High (96728) **12.00** Oscar's Orchestra (27099) **12.30pm** Halfway Across the Galaxy (45983) **1.00** By Way of the Stars (87728) **1.30** Black Beauty (44254) **2.00** The Girl from Tomorrow (4322) **2.30** Ocean Odyssey (2070) **3.00** Art Attack (3457) **3.30** Flash Gordon (4815) **4.00** Batman (3322) **4.30-5.00** The Big Dish

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7.00pm Roseanne (7254) **7.30** Roseanne (2051) **8.00** Entertainment UK (6902) **8.30** Almost Perfect (2709) **9.00** Cheers (20761) **9.30** Cybill (85269) **10.00** Frasier (53490) **10.30** Monty Python's Flying Circus (73438) **11.00** Club Class (32506) **11.30** Nightstand (55341) **12.30am** Sledgehammer (11810) **1.00** Cheers (50674) **1.30** Cybill (27723) **2.00** Entertainment UK (22910) **2.30** Club Class (14945) **3.00** Frasier (67910) **3.30-4.00** Almost Perfect (32397)

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TUC mobilises pension power to influence Shell board

By Carl Mortished

THE TUC is urging union members who have influence over pension funds to cast their votes in the debate over the environmental and human rights policies of Shell, the multinational oil company.

The initiative by the TUC could herald a new era in shareholder activism, giving employees a powerful voice on issues of corporate responsibility, hitherto left to the discretion of fund managers.

John Monks, the General Secretary of the TUC, has written to members of the organisation's network of pension fund trustees, asking them to ensure that action is taken over a resolution to Shell's annual general meeting demanding improved policies on the environment.

The letter, addressed to some 800 union members who are pension fund trustees, urges them to vote on the Shell resolution and not to leave the matter to pension fund managers. The letter does not tell the trustees how they should cast their vote.

A spokesperson for the TUC said: "Most pension funds don't vote their shares — we are encouraging trustees to vote their shares and to ensure that these matters are raised at trustee board meetings."

The TUC has shareholder guidelines that contain policies on corporate responsibility. When the Shell resolution came up, the organisation considered that the issues fell within the guidelines and the letter was sent just after Easter.

Lobbying from both Shell and environmental groups is intensifying ahead of the May 14 annual general meeting. A small number of large insurance companies are considering a positive response to the resolution.

Representativesa of some 20 institutions will today attend a meeting organised by Pirc, the shareholder ethics consultancy, at which environmental groups, including Friends of the Earth and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), will back the resolution. Amnesty UK is also supporting the motion, with a call from Sir Geoffrey Chandler, a former Shell executive and an Amnesty UK board member, for "social auditing" of Shell's performance. The WWF has written to Sir Peter Davis, head of the Prudential, the largest shareholder in Shell, arguing that the insurance company should back the resolution. The WWF is believed to have been assisting Shell in assessing the environmental impact of major oil projects being undertaken by the company.

The resolution, which calls for improved environmental policies, more effective monitoring and an independent audit of Shell's performance, is not particularly controversial in its demands. However, strong opposition from the oil company has galvanised environmental groups into a campaign.

Shell, which today publishes its first internal group environmental report, claims that the demands in the resolution have already been met by the company. Last month Shell published a revised set of business principles, including express support for human rights.

Busang called world's worst mining fraud

By Adam Jones

THE Indonesian gold discovery announced by Canada's Bre-X Minerals, once thought to be among the world's richest finds, was based on data falsified on an "unprecedented" scale, according to investigators.

Strathcona Mineral Services, a Canadian consultant brought in to resolve a dispute over the size of the deposit at Busang, on the island of Borneo, said thousands of mineral samples had been tampered with.

In a scathing report, it said it found no evidence of viable gold deposits in Busang's southeast zone, contrary to Bre-X's claims. It was unlikely that gold would ever be found in that sector. The report states: "The magnitude of the tampering with core samples that we believe has occurred and resulting falsification of assay values at Busang is of a scale and over a period of time and with a precision that, to our knowledge, is without precedent in the history of mining."

Strathcona said the gold recovered in samples submitted by Bre-X did not come from the southeast zone of the Busang property, as claimed.

John Felderhof, Bre-X's head of exploration, had claimed the site could contain as much as 200 million ounces of gold. This could have yielded billions of pounds in profit.

In a fax sent from the Cayman Islands yesterday, Mr Felderhof said he was not involved in a fraud. He said he was "shocked and dismayed" by the report. He added: "I believe that eventually, our work and our deposit in Busang will be confirmed." In a written statement, David Walsh, chairman and chief executive of Bre-X, said: "We share the shock and dismay of our shareholders and others that the gold we thought we had at Busang now appears not to be there." The company said it had retained legal, accounting and investigative personnel, including Price Waterhouse, to find out how the falsified data was generated.

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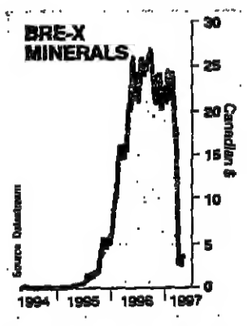

Strathcona was brought in to assess the Busang site after Bre-X admitted in March that it may have overstated its claim. On March 19, Michael de Guzman, a 43-year-old Filipino who was the company's chief geologist at Busang, fell from a helicopter as it flew over the jungle.

Strathcona's report, and other due diligence work, prompted Bre-X partners to pull out yesterday, including Indonesia's Nusamba Group, owner of a 25 per cent stake in the project. Nusamba is 80 per cent owned by three charities headed by President Suharto.

Freeport McMoRan, which has a 15 per cent stake in Busang, is also withdrawing.

Bre-X, which has a 45 per cent stake in Busang, started exploring the site in 1993. Its shares, listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, soared from a couple of Canadian dollars to C$26.80 (£11.80), even after a ten-for-one stock split.

Rising doubts about the value of the find wiped billions of dollars off the market value in the past six weeks and the shares stood at C$3.23 before being suspended yesterday.

Canada's top securities regulator is investigating Bre-X for possible violations of insider dealing laws.

Walsh: shocked and dismayed

Investigators found no evidence of viable gold deposits at the Busang mine

Mystery surrounds the death of Michael de Guzman, Bre-X's chief geologist, who was buried by relatives last month

Firms face 'flood' of EU labour legislation

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

A FLOOD of costly and intrusive new workplace laws is likely to be poured into the European social chapter once Britain has joined the other 14 signatories, Graham Mather, Conservative economic spokesman in the European Parliament, claimed yesterday. Medium-sized businesses would be worst hit, he said.

So far, the chapter has been used only for rules obliging multinationals with more than 1,000 employees to have works councils and to enshrine unpaid parental leave. However, six new pieces of legislation will work their way through the Brussels pipeline in the coming year, he said.

The most immediate are:

☐ Compulsory works councils for domestic companies with more than 50 employees.

☐ A shift in the burden of proof in many sex discrimination cases.

Under consideration but less certain are:

☐ Reviving plans for two-tier boards of directors.

☐ A directive meeting German demands for equal treatment for workers from other countries to stop migrant workers undercutting locals.

☐ A possible clause enforcing union representation in all public works contracts.

☐ Legal instruments to promote collective bargaining.

Those friendlier towards the social chapter argue that some of the latter proposals are unlikely to happen soon, if at all. However, they add that British firms face complex EU sexual harassment regulation and a directive to give part-time workers fully equal contract rights.

Telegraph lifts cover price

By Oliver August

HOLLINGER International, owner of the Telegraph Group, has increased *The Sunday Telegraph's* cover price by 10p to 80p in a move to reverse its disastrous recent profits performance.

If the price rise was followed by a 5p increase at the daily sister paper, Hollinger profits would be back at the £20 million mark, where they stood before the Telegraph papers joined the newspaper price war in 1994.

Two weeks ago, Hollinger reported that operating income had fallen from £16.5 million in 1995 to £1 million in 1996. The decline is the result of an aggressive seven-day subscription policy, which offers the Telegraph at £1 instead of the £3.65 paid at news-stands.

While the scheme has attracted some new readers, it has done so at a heavy loss to revenue from existing readers, many of whom took advantage of the new offer.

Assuming that present circulation levels remain unchanged, *The Sunday Telegraph* increase will generate about £4.5 million. A 5p increase at the *Daily Telegraph* would boost earnings by about £15.5 million. The company was not available for comment yesterday.

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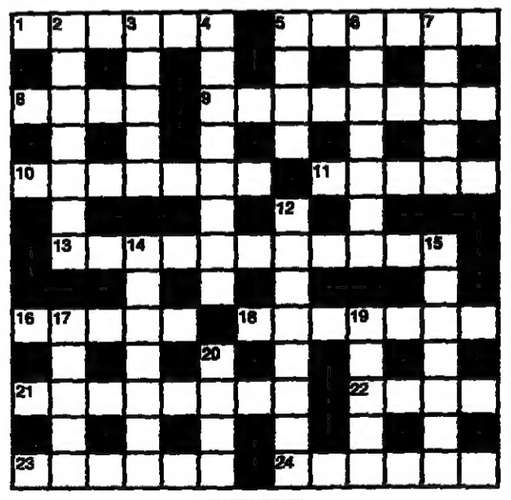

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Reed poised for Microsoft link

By Oliver August

REED ELSEVIER, the Anglo-Dutch media group, will today announce a new alliance, believed to be with Microsoft, the American software house, aimed at offering the content of Reed's scientific journals on an Internet web site.

The deal is the latest development in Reed's restructuring programme. The group has shed its newspaper and book divisions over the past two years. It has simultaneously invested heavily in professional and scientific titles available on-line.

The group's move towards electronic publishing comes in response to the growth of academic publications on the Internet. Experts expect Reed's Internet presence to be fruitful because of the weight that the group's name carries in academic circles.

At the announcement of the full-year results in March, the board acknowledged that further acquisitions in scentific publishing could fall foul of competition authorities.

Microsoft is a late entrant to the Internet market, which had for years been dominated by entrepreneurs and the academics to whom Reed is trying to sell its journals. However, Microsoft's technological capability and its market leadership in the software sector would ensure a high degree of access. Microsoft recently struck a deal with Telerate, the electronic financial news division of Dow Jones, the owner of *The Wall Street Journal*.

New wave of deals for Crest

By Adam Jones

CREST, the Stock Exchange's electronic settlement system, will today face the second test resulting from the Alliance & Leicester demutualisation.

People who sold their windfall shares in auctions or on the first day of trading have had their deals processed in two waves. The first was due to be through the system last Monday. Today, the second wave should be settled.

Paul Symons, of CrestCo, the system operator, said the first wave of several thousand extra deals went smoothly, with a normal 80 to 82 per cent of trades settled on the intended date. Three times as many A&L trades are today due to be settled, still way below the April peak of transactions.

Black mark for white goods makers on pricing

Verdict plugs choice

By Sarah Cunningham

CONSUMERS are paying the price for electrical goods manufacturers' ability to exert a strong influence on the prices that are charged in shops, according to a report to be released later this week.

Verdict, the consultancy, says in its report on electrical retailers that the price uniformity in the £14.3 billion market reduces choice for consumers.

The report also suggests that as a result of a recent increase in insurance premium tax, electrical goods retailers will be forced to raise their prices by between 1 and 2 per cent to protect margins and profits.

The market is awaiting a report from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on price fixing and the supply of electrical goods. The report was finished on April 30 but publication has been postponed twice, Verdict says. It is not now due for several weeks.

If the MMC takes action to encourage more price competition, opening the way for chains like Dixons and Comet to offer heavy discounts, independent shops would suffer initially as they would not be able to match the lower prices. In the longer term it is possible that the chains would raise their prices to improve gross margins. Although customers would not benefit from higher prices, they would enjoy a wider choice, Verdict says.

The suppliers have held such sway over the market partly because of the way it is divided up among retailers, the report says. Dixons accounts for nearly 19 per cent of all consumer spending on audio-visual goods while Comet accounts for 6.2 per cent. With relatively weak competition, "it has been unnecessary to reduce margins and open up a price war".

Verdict says even established retailers would be unable to obtain supplies for low-cost outlets at present.

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